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California Dreamin'

Cajun orchestra livens up Wooster Forum with demo and dance

JAMES KOLLER

The Wooster Forum took a different twist on Thursday when the California Cajun Orchestra performed a demonstration and later a dance. The demonstration was held in Wishart and the dance in the Lowry Ballroom. Tracy Schwartz joined Susie Thompson, Danny Pollard and Eric Thompson in a showcase of New Orleans Cajun music. The music has a taste of country banjo without the banjo and old Canadian sounds, reflecting the French influence. The group itself is even well-traveled, having toured Europe the past six years. They plan a seventh trip later this year.

The origin of Cajun music is in the small towns of southwestern Louisiana, as entertainment was manufactured by the locals. As Schwartz said, "A community entertains itself." One way of doing this was with house parties. These parties would be the stage for local musicians to play before an audience. The other people at these early concerts would not sit down,

but rather would dance to the music. Some of the dances that evolved were the Hathaway Two-Step and Paul Jones line dancing. Those terms are synonymous with country music, but the dances have their own Cajun flavor.

At the demonstration the instrument that aroused the most interest was the accordion, which is not usually heard in modern mainstream American music. Accordions used in Cajun music vary from the usual polka accordions in that round buttons are substituted for piano-like keys. The accordion used by Schwartz costs anywhere from \$1000-1200 and can only be purchased in the United States in the state of Louisiana. Canada, Germany and France are also popular building sites for Cajun style accordions.

A typical song played by the Cajun Orchestra was "Backdoor", requested by Acting President Hales. What was interesting about "Backdoor" was the story behind

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Conflicts in Christianity

Edward W. Pierce marks continuation of Lay Academy

AARON VEITH

The second of a series of lectures sponsored by the Lay Academy of Religion took place on Wednesday

is the regional director of the Christian Conflict Management Institute in Tallmadge. He is a former clergyman who now makes his living solving conflicts in churches, Christian

points, but all of his points could be true in organizations outside of a religious context. His speech dealt with the five levels of conflict, the strategies for conflict management, and how to avoid conflicts.

The first level of conflict discussed had to do with when people had a natural difference of opinion. In this first stage, according to Pierce, individuals may have conflicting goals, values and needs but are able to focus on the problem, share information, and use rational problem solving methods to solve the problem. In the second stage, polarization begins when uneasiness develops, diversity starts to be viewed as a weakness instead of a strength, parties consult with others to evaluate strategies for the next meeting, and parties no longer freely interact. In the third level, competition begins with people being associated with the problem, small groups forming, and the organized structure becomes a weapon.

The fourth and fifth stages are the hardest to repair. In the fourth stage, the conflict goes system wide and

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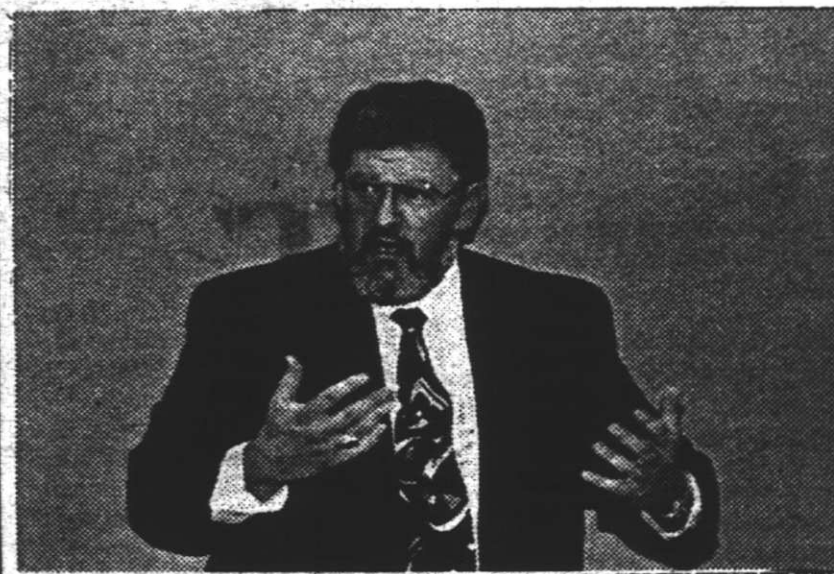


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Edward W. Pierce at Wednesday's lecture

with Edward W. Pierce giving a lecture titled "A Profile of Conflict in Christian Organizations: Appropriate Biblical Responses". Pierce

schools and other Christian organizations. The speech he delivered about conflict drew examples from the Bible to emphasize the main

Greek GPAs and ad Hoc Committees Addressed by SGA

AARON RUPERT

Greek life and ad hoc committees were the main points in this week's SGA General Assembly meeting on Wednesday at 7 o'clock in Lowry 120. Greek GPA requirements for rushing were the topic of a resolution by Senator James Hervey, and SGA formed ad hoc committees to focus on specific issues concerning student concerns. Also, Vice President of Student Affairs Cameron Flint informed SGA on a security matter dealt with by his committee.

The point of concern at issue is the GPA requirement for pledging. A student cannot be on academic probation if he/she is pledging. This policy was instituted two years ago, with a number of other changes basically cosmetic in nature.

The resolution has two effects. It "petitions Campus Council to reconsider this discriminatory practice." The resolution also advises the representatives of SGA to Campus Council (President Emily Durham and Vice President for Student Affairs Cameron Flint) to "vote against the continuation of such requirements."

Senator Hervey brought forth the resolution two weeks ago. Due to the fact the Freshmen in the Senate knew little about Greek life in general, the resolution was referred to the Educational Policy committee. The committee report was slated for this week's meeting. Steve Penrod, Vice President for Academic Affairs, announced at the meeting that

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Clamor and cheers at the Homecoming game last Saturday; see Feature section, page 8, for story

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NEWS BRIEFS

INTERNATIONAL

Russia: Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin has announced that he will not be running for the presidency of Russia. This throws the future leadership of Russia into doubt in a very unstable time for the Russian Republic. Chernomyrdin was thought to be the leader who would most likely keep Russia pointed toward reform, and now the path of the country is being questioned. The Communist party won 22 of the 24 seats in the Volograd regional legislature, and many believe the Communists will do better than most parties. The announcement is expected to create deep political shocks in the campaign for a new parliament in December.

Okinawa: Governor Masahide Ota is leading a movement to shrink or eliminate American military bases on Okinawan soil. American bases take up 20% of Okinawa's land. The animosity was sparked when this month a 12 year-old Okinawan schoolgirl was abducted and raped, and three American servicemen were charged with the crime. The Governor said last week that he would refuse to renew some leases for land that now are used by the US military.

Japan: The cult leader charged with attack on Tokyo's subway system has confessed to the murder and other killings, according to reports. Shoko Asahara has been charged with the attack that left 12 dead and 5,500 ill. Mr. Asahara had denied taking part in the crime.

Paris: French troops have invaded the Comoros Islands to "re-establish" order in the former French colony. The troops ended a six-day coup in the country. The coup was undertaken by Bob Denard, a French mercenary. Denard stated that he staged the coup because he had a "debt of honor."

Fiji: The citizens of Fiji are in an uproar about a plan to adopt 28,000 Hong Kong Chinese before the colony is taken over by China in 1997. 76% of the population, in a popular poll, were against the move.

NATIONAL

New York: Pope John Paul II was in New York today, pressing his crusades to attack materialism and strengthen peace in the post-cold-war era. The Pope met with Catholic leaders, led vespers in a cathedral in a run-down neighborhood, and retired at the Vatican mission to the United Nations. The Pope was greeted by President and Mrs. Clinton. The Pope will speak at the United Nations.

Washington: Two women say that a firearms test that measures trigger-pulling strength has been used to discriminate against women in the FBI training program. A person must pull the trigger of a gun 29 times in 30 seconds, the FBI states that it is examining the problem.

Los Angeles: Orenthal J. Simpson was acquitted on double murder charges on Tuesday.

News briefs compiled by AARON RUPERT

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feelings are viewed as facts, parties believe the opposition will not change, hurt feelings or wounded pride causes people to leave the group, and the subgroup power is viewed as more important than the parent organization. Finally, at the fifth level, legal action is often resorted to, people seek to discredit and destroy others, and violence can erupt.

The strategies, according to Pierce for conflict management are varied. Collaboration is when both parties work together to solve a problem. At low levels of conflict, collaboration is a good choice because people can work together to solve their problems. Persuasion is a technique when an individual tries to change another's ideas, values or opinions. Persuasion is a technique that can work if the person trying to change

ideas or opinions of another is respected by that individual. Accommodation is a technique when you try to appease both sides of an argument, and it is not recommended because it often does not resolve the problem at all. Avoidance is another technique that never works unless the problem and its effects are short term. Divorce is a split between the organization that occurs if the problem is too hard to fix. Finally, there is negotiation which can work at high levels with a third party mediating.

Pierce also gives advice to organizations to prevent conflict problems from occurring. First, educate the leadership and constituency of your group on conflict resolution. Build group constitution or by-laws a way of mediation. Select and train a panel of mediators. Finally, formalize sanctions that will be put into place if people do not cooperate with mediation.

Alcohol Awareness Week Begins

Kicking Off Substance Abuse Awareness Week With a Sobering Look at Alcohol Abuse

HILARY TEYNOR

Brian Smith and Bill Ross of Screaming With Pleasure Productions presented "Last Call: A Sobering Look at Alcohol Abuse" in McGaw Chapel Sunday night. Co-sponsored by Wayne County Alcoholism Services, The Office of Black Student Affairs, and Citizens for a Drug-Free Youth, it was the first event in a week full of activities designed to heighten awareness of substance abuse issues on the campus. Using vaudevilian slapstick mixed with true testimonials, the energetic pair conveyed the message that alcohol use can lead to dangerous situations and must always be used responsibly.

The first skit featured two characters involved in the "tastes great—less filling" argument. Through the dialogue they subtly ridiculed the advertising campaigns for lite beer while calling the audience's attention to the visibility of the slogans. At the end of the comedic portion of the skit, Smith talked about how ubiquitous beer advertisements are and how we instantly recognize a slogan like "You are your own dog" or "Why ask why." He said that "why" was the most important question to ask about anything in addition to being the way to the greatest responsibility and self-respect. After this interlude, the pair broke into another comedic juggling routine.

Bill Ross then began to talk very seriously about his own alcoholism. He described his home and school troubles in adolescence and how

drinking and taking drugs made life easier for him and seemed to give him direction. He said, "It seemed like we were sitting on top of the world, but it was really passing us by." Ross then told of his troubles with the police and his dropping out of high school. After awhile he picked up the pieces, graduated, and went to college. There he found that he couldn't handle responsibility, he dropped out, and drifted in and out of a dozen jobs; he said that drinking had become the focus of his life until one night when he was arrested for drunk driving. Ross then started attending Alcoholics Anonymous, and he proudly stated that he has been alcohol-free for ten years. While juggling a bowling ball, a knife, and a flaming torch, he asserted, "Now I can handle the most difficult of situations."

Smith launched into his own personal story later on in the program.

It concerned a night of drinking with a friend in which Smith was left drunk and alone on the street. Having the feeling of being alone, he walked home in a drunken stupor, punched through a window of a liquor store, and stole a bottle of Wild Turkey. The police followed a trail of dripping blood back to his house and arrested him. He said that he was so drunk that he didn't even realize how badly his hand was cut or how profusely he was bleeding. As an ironic twist to his story he added, "The owner of the liquor store decided not to press charges because I was such a good customer."

The final skit involved a case of drunken acquaintance rape, and afterwards they offered a pair of statistics: 80% of men who commit acquaintance rape are under the influence, and 50% of the victims are

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Participants at Alcohol Awareness Week

photo by ERIC BAKKEN

SGA Holds General Meeting

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he and his committee were in full support of the resolution. The report was then turned over to Senator Hervey, who explained the history of the policy. Hervey is a member of a Greek organization. Hervey believed that the policy was "an affront" to students' ability to make judgments.

"We, as students," said Hervey, "need to take a stand against these discriminatory policies."

The reasons why Campus Council first instituted this policy was not explained to the full Senate, nor was anyone there to speak on behalf of the policy. Penrod believed that the committees job was to facilitate discussion, by doing the major work in a small group.

President Durham also saw the committee's work in the same way. "Steve's report," said Durham, "was the decision of the Educational Policy committee, and their statements reflect their debate." When asked about the lack of alternative

points of view presented at the Wednesday meeting, Durham stated that in the committee meeting, "they brought up as many possible explanations and reasons for the policy as possible."

The resolution passed by a vote of twenty for, two against, and two abstentions.

The second item of import on the agenda was the creation of ad hoc committees. Ad hocs are temporary committees that focus on student concerns and that are not represented by the current standing committees.

Flint, in describing the large number of ad hoc committees last year said they were, "spread to thin and got nothing done." Flint believes that SGA should "focus tightly" and only create about five or six ad hocs at a time.

Senators then suggested what kind of ad hoc committees seemed important to them. The final list of committees was: Laundry, Telephones, Food Service, Parking, Bookstore, I.D. Problems/Debt Cards, and Handicapped and im-

paired accessibility. Next week, each ad hoc will be giving reports detailing what exactly they want to do.

Flint also had a report from his security committee. It seems an unlicensed solicitor of magazine subscriptions was on campus, harassing students. The salesman stated that one could get one's money back in three working days after the subscription was purchased, but the receipts were postdated, thus duping students.

Security was called, but the salesman could not be caught. Unidentified students took the receipts to SGA, who then forwarded them to Dean Plusquellec. Plusquellec then sent a letter to the company the salesman was from, threatening to arrest anyone from their company for trespassing if they attempted to sell magazines subscriptions here again. The letter was forwarded to the Wooster Police Department, the Wooster Chamber of Commerce, and the Consumer Protection Agency in Washington.

Liberation Theology Lectures Continue

KATY GELDRICH
DIVYA THADANI

Wednesday night the Newman Catholic Student Association, in partnership with Koinonia and Sisters in Spirit, hosted the second part of a lecture about liberation theology. Maureen Masterson, a minister of the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry, organized the lecture in which associate pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Community Father Kevin Conroy spoke about his experiences as a missionary in El Salvador where he spent 5 years working on several developmental projects.

Fr. Kevin opened with a prayer of St. Francis of Assisi that begins with "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..." The prayer was especially relevant because it was St. Francis' feast day, and it opened up the presentation with a major focus of liberation theology: helping the poor and oppressed in the world. Another part of the prayer said, "Where there is hatred, grow, let me sow your love." After the prayer he held up a chunk of rock which was chipped from a cliff at a Marian Church. It was part of a celebration held every year on August 15 in which pilgrims chiseled pieces out

of the rock while petitioning their prayers to God. Conroy prayed for spiritual peace in El Salvador.

Conroy's plans to become a missionary began to ferment at the age of fourteen. A priest began to talk about his experiences in El Salvador and Fr. Kevin became inspired. Later on in his life his dream came true; however, living in this Latin American country took some adjustments. Coming from the west side of Cleveland, Conroy experienced something very different from life in Ohio. Where he lived in El Salvador, the nearest phone was 35 miles away, and to get water he had to walk 16 miles.

In the middle of his third night in El Salvador, Conroy awoke to the sound of screaming. He assumed that fighting had broken out and immediately hid under the sink. The next morning, he discovered that the sounds that he heard were numerous chickens in the surrounding area.

Not so amusing, however, was a Thanksgiving morning in which his village was shelled. He was struck with terror as he heard machine gun fire spraying through the air. "...the fear that comes over you when you are in a fight or flight situation, I cannot describe that fear. From that moment on, I have had a different feeling about war".

Conroy was a minister in the midst of this raging battle. He found himself becoming part of these peoples' lives and accompanying them poor people in their struggle. According to him, this is essentially what liberation theology is. There was a time when about 20 peasants owned 10 acres of land on which they grew the cash crop of watermelons.

According to Conroy, "...when you see the poor peoples' reflection of God, you see what it really means to live and survive". Ploughing 20 acres with bare hands was no easy task, unless "you consider a machete modern technology".

Conroy also showed a short excerpt from the film 'School of The Assassins' about the U.S. Army School of the Americas and how this institution is responsible for the killings of thousands of men, women, and children. These are the people involved in the human rights violations in their own countries. Archbishop Romero made a public plea begging people to help stop the degradation of the community. The next day he was assassinated while celebrating mass.

\$30 million of U.S. tax payers money was contributed to the school in order to fund the renovations. A campaign (The Kennedy Amend-

ment) has been launched twice against this school. However, both times it was unsuccessful and lost by a margin of about 30-40 votes. There is going to be another campaign in the coming year.

On the 16th of November this year, there is going to be pilgrimage starting in Washington D.C. On December 2nd this group will pass through Cleveland and the event will culminate on March 24, the day of the killing of Archbishop Romero. It is also to commemorate the slaying of Ursuline Sisters and Jesuit priests.

Conroy ended by saying that in those 5 years, "I became so much a part of the fabric of the lives of those poor people struggling to survive. Being a part of the pastoral ministry, I learned to walk with these people and share solidarity with them. This is essentially what liberation theology is about- accompanying the poor".

After he finished speaking, Conroy opened the floor to questions. The audience was clearly enthralled and moved by his presentation. He ended by saying, "Liberation theology is about action—it is not something that can take place exclusively in the classroom."

Baldwin to Go to China

MEGHAN FLAHERTY

Valerie Baldwin, the director of international admissions at Wooster, will visit China's International School of Beijing (IBS) this fall. Baldwin, and representatives from 21 other U.S. colleges, will be the first American educators to recruit students from this coeducational day school.

The IBS is located in the capital of China and educates the sons and daughters of international diplomats and people involved in international corporations who are positioned in China. The IBS has a good reputation and has sent several students to Wooster in the past.

This is not the only school that Baldwin will be visiting. Indeed, this is just an additional stop on the six to seven week trip that she makes every fall. Baldwin and the other American college representatives, with the support of the Consortium for International Recruitment's Committee for Asia, will visit several schools in Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong and the Philippines. In these nations the representatives will participate in college fairs and workshops as well as discuss the American system for higher education with parents and students.

When asked why the representatives were visiting Asia Baldwin replied, "Citizens of other nations revere American higher education. A main purpose of the annual tour is to give these students a sampling of the higher education opportunities offered by these 22 colleges and universities so that they can make informed decisions about their college choices. Because of our commitment to and tradition of diversity, Wooster is especially pleased to be participating in this educational program for the seventh consecutive years. International students have helped to define Wooster from its earliest days, and this tour effort allows us to maintain, if not increase, their presence on campus."

Other American Colleges that are involved in the tour of Asia are Bucknell, Drew and Clark Universities, Mt. Holyoke, Trinity, Union, Grinnell and Wheaton.

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Wooster Joins BarterBase Consortium

Internet-based database offers updates of employment opportunities

CURTIS GORE

By joining forces with 24 other premier national liberal arts colleges throughout the country, Wooster has expanded the job-searching resources available to its students. The College is now a member of the BarterBase Consortium, which provides access to a comprehensive database of more than 1,500 organizations with current or anticipated employment positions or internships to the member institutions' job-seeking seniors.

Began in 1992 as a cooperative endeavor, BarterBase uses the Internet to provide and update job opening information to students at member institutions in a variety of fields, including the physical sciences, finance, hospitality publishing, teaching, health care administration, sports management, foreign languages, public policy, and gov-

ernment. Wooster is responsible for gathering and posting data about employment opportunities with non-profit and human services organizations, especially those that specialize in working with adult populations.

The emphasis is on locating employers that have immediate hiring needs for the current academic year. Job opportunities may take several forms, including full-time paid positions, stipend positions and internships with no pay. The BarterBase system gives job-seeking students at the member schools access to more current employment information than could be collected by any single career services department at a single institution.

Wooster students can use the BarterBase to find detailed information about job openings in fields of interest to them. Included are contact and company names, ad-

dresses and descriptions of specific openings. Using the data, students are able to pursue any of the position openings they find of interest.

"The idea is to have a consortium of similar, highly selective colleges and universities respond to the decline in campus visits by corporate and non-profit sector recruiters and the lessening effectiveness of college job fairs," said Hoyte Wilhelm, Wooster's director of career services. "We think this will be a very productive job-search tool for our graduating seniors."

Among the institutions cooperating in BarterBase with Wooster are Carleton, Amherst, Middlebury, Oberlin, Colby, Bates, Macalester, Hamilton, Vassar, Bowdoin, Hope, Mount Holyoke, Skidmore and Vassar colleges, The College of William and Mary, and Colgate and Clark universities.

By combining forces with 24 other premier liberal Arts colleges, Wooster moves into the next gen-

eration in Career Services with the BarterBase system. The BarterBase Consortium gives access to an extensive database of more than 1,500 organizations and companies with available employment positions or internships for employment-seeking college seniors. Established in 1992 as cooperative venture, BarterBase uses the internet to provide students of member colleges with up to date information about job openings in several different fields including: finance, hospitality, publishing, teaching, health care administration, sports management, foreign languages, public policy, the physical sciences, and 15 other areas. As a member of the BarterBase system, Wooster is responsible for gathering and posting data about job opportunities with non-profit and human services organizations, focusing on those that specialize in working with adult populations. "The idea is to have a consortium of similar, highly selective colleges and universities respond to the decline in campus visits by corporate and non-profit sector recruiters and the lessening effectiveness of college job fairs," said Hoyte Wilhelm, Wooster's director of career services. "We think this will be a very productive job-search tool for our graduating seniors."

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under the influence. There is a definite linkage between acquaintance rape and alcohol, because alcohol impairs judgment and makes people vulnerable.

For the finale, Ross and Smith picked an audience volunteer, Nicole Coward '96, to stand on stage and have them pass clubs behind and in front of her in an impressive juggling routine. They also fired more statistics at the audience: the leading causes of death of 16 to 24-year-olds are alcohol-related car crashes; alcohol causes the highest number of deaths in the workplace; 9 out of 10 incidences of violence on college campuses are caused by alcohol; on the average weekend, 1 in 10 drivers on the road are under the influence; in a college town 1 in 5 are drunk behind the wheel. Through zany vaudevillian juggling and comedy skits blended with poignantly touching personal stories, Ross and Smith conveyed the important idea that

even though we are saturated with images glorifying alcohol use, we must exercise responsibility and stay aware of its consequences.

Student response was overwhelmingly positive. Meredith Graham '96 said, "I thought it was really neat. They did a good job of giving information but still making it fun." Jen Anderson '96 talked about the advantages of the show's style. "It was a very theatrical way of presenting statistics about a major problem, and I think that this presentation is more effective than lecturing or just talking about it."

Sandy Kozera '98 remarked, "It was cool. I'm glad I came."

"Last Call" was only one in the group of activities sponsored by the Substance Abuse Awareness Task Force. In Lowry Pit on Monday, WCWS interviewed Bill Richards, also known as Silver B, from the East Cleveland Straight Talk Radio show. He talked about his work as a drug and alcohol counselor and Cleveland radio personality. Tues-

day brought representatives from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department to Lowry Pit to discuss and demonstrate field sobriety testing. Sponsored by security, the presentation also featured a period in which sheriff's deputies discussed issues of drug and alcohol abuse and driving under the influence. Members of EMPOWER Peer Education Group showed a video on substance abuse, distributed literature, and answered questions on the topic of substance abuse on Tuesday as well.

Wednesday at Lowry Pit Sandy Stebly, a Prevention Specialist from Wayne County Alcoholism Services, lead a discussion entitled, "Truths and Realities—Drugs in the 90s" on cocaine, LSD, heroin, and marijuana use and abuse.

Bill Brown, Head Men's Basketball Coach at Kenyon College presented a talk on the impact and effects of substance abuse called, "What Part of No Don't You Understand?" in the PEC on Thursday night.

Friday brings members of Students Against Drunk Driving to Lowry Pit at 12:00 noon to facilitate a discussion on the issues of drunk driving. Capping off Substance Abuse Awareness Week, there will be a dance in the Underground 10:00 PM to 2:00 AM sponsored by SAB and Wayne County Alcoholism Services. The band The Distractions will play and mocktails will be served.

Joe Allen '97, member of the Substance Abuse Awareness Task Force describes the purpose of these activities, "The goals of this week are to raise awareness of the hazards of drinking and drug abuse. We're trying to present information and trying not to pass judgment, and we also want to make sure that people know that their actions have consequences and repercussions. In organizing the events, we've tried to have a variety of formats, speakers, and events in order to reach a wide variety of people. We want to get the message across that drinking and drugs affect everybody."

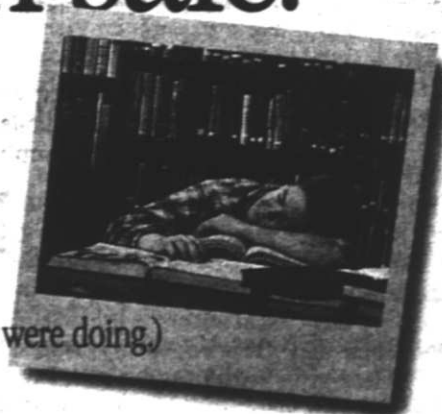
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the music. In it, a man repeatedly goes to a bar and gets drunk. To sneak in late at night, the man would have to enter through the backdoor. One night, the man gets in a fight at the bar and is arrested. The police take him to the station and bring him in through the back door.

The dance turned out to be a treat for those who came, and many did come. The Ballroom was partitioned off and chairs were allotted for those to sit. After the first song, though, few were left sitting. Adding only speakers to increase their volume, the Cajon Orchestra sounded just as well as they did in the small confines of Wishart. Even Hales got into the act, dancing briefly with a student. He met the Orchestra ten years ago and said it was a dream of his to hear them in concert. What better way, Hales suggested, to do this then have them at Wooster.

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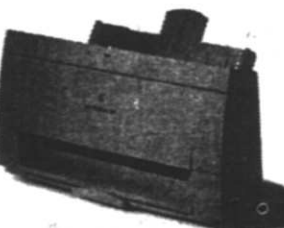
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With all the attention that gets paid to Student Leaders on this campus, one almost gets the impression that there are no Student Followers. We have a student leadership list,

Benjamin Wachs

student leadership conferences, a student leadership banquet, student leadership awards, and, now, a new Student Leadership Handbook. This little gem was stuck into my mailbox, and, presumably, the mailboxes of other "Student Leaders" by the Student Activities Office, which apparently has nothing better to do than to put these things together. Needless to say, I am not impressed. Some of the handbook is actually useful, particularly items near the back. But, alas, before getting to page 30, we have to get past page 1: the Leader's Creed.

It is indicative of how badly this College misunderstands leadership that it feels it must include a Leader's Creed. That it reads like it came straight out of "The Power of Positive Thinking" is even worse: throwing out phrases like "dare to be different," "dare to be creative," "dare to challenge others," misses the obvious point that anyone who would take leadership advice from a 34 page pamphlet produced by a college administration obviously isn't daring at all. Still, I thought I'd give the Student Leadership Handbook a chance, and, as President of the Fencing Club, use the advice they give to come up with a more effective Club.

First, me: the guidebook lists 21 suggestions for more effective leadership, including such pearls as "When possible, make decisions as a group." Gosh, didn't the Buddha also say that? Or, my favorite: "You are part of the spark that makes the organization go; be sure that you are positive and enthusiastic. If you're not, others probably won't be." Now, how many of history's great leaders could ever have been described as "positive and enthusiastic?" Churchill? Elizabeth I? Thomas Jefferson? Not a one. Thoughtful, yes. Competent, surely. Motivated, definitely. But what this College has always overlooked is that cynics get things done, and that most

great leaders had rather a dry view of human nature. I know damn well that Churchill wasn't being "positive and enthusiastic" when he said "We shall fight them in the fields." Only the Student Activities Office, and perhaps Residential Life, would even try to boil down effective leadership to such non-essentials.

But, okay: I'm positive and enthusiastic. I am a spark who makes decisions as a group. Great. What's next for Fencing Club? Well, page 4 says "it is important that both the leadership and the membership know and understand your organization." All right, I can try to explain Fencing Club to the other members. I think that speech would go something like this:

"Okay guys. This is Fencing Club. That means we fence. Fencing involves stabbing people who are wearing protective gear. Are there any questions?" Someone in the back raises his hand. "So, you mean we stab people while wearing protective gear?"

"Well, yes and no," I'd say. "You'd be wearing protective gear, but I meant that the people you stab would be in protective gear. Good question, though." Another question the Handbook asks is "where would you like the group to be in six months?" "Well, guys," I'd say, "in six months it would be really great if we could be fencing." I can see other organizations having problems with this one too: "Well, guys," the president of Hillel would say, "it would be really neat if in six months we were all still Jewish." But nevermind.

On page 6, they have a "What I Can Do Personally and as a Leader in Response to Racism, Homophobia, and Sexism" list. Helpfully, it puts the word "homophobia" in parenthesis after each use of the word "homophobic" just in case we didn't get it. Advice ranges from "use inclusive language," to "Purchase goods and services from minority businesses" (if we wanted to do that would we be paying Wooster tuition?). A few that might apply to Fencing Club: item 3 "Advocate for the

inclusion of differences in programs, membership, participation, etc."

"Okay, guys, I want you to go out and stab people, regardless of race!"

Item 12: "Create an organizational award which recognizes outstanding contributions toward promoting cultural, racial, or sexual orientation awareness and sensitivity."

"Okay, Herbert, for... um... fencing really well, we're giving you the sensitivity award."

Item 13: "Co-sponsor an activity with a minority, women's, gay, lesbian, or bisexual focused organization."

"And now, in cooperation with The Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance, the Fencing Club of Wooster is proud to present: Bisexuals with Blades!" And so on.

Page 8 is "Organizational Goal Setting". I am going to skip the section on "Why are Goals Important," because it's too stupid to be believed (did you know that "Goals are guidelines for action"?), and go to the "Criteria for Setting Goals." Goals, we are told, should be "valued" ("Hey, Ed, did it ever occur to you that we ought to be setting goals we care about?"), "achievable", ("Hey, Bob, maybe we shouldn't try and invade the Rhineland?") and Believable because, and I have to quote here, "Believable goals provide you with a subjective feeling of optimism and hope." What might have happened if Mahatma Gandhi had been working from this advice? "Well," I can hear him say, "I would like to drive the British out of my homeland without violence, but no one thinks that's believable, so it doesn't give me a subjective feeling of optimism and hope. Maybe I should just kill as many of them as I can." Come to think of it, all the great leaders who have used passive resistance have done so in the face of unbelievable odds. Gandhi did it, Martin Luther King Jr. did it, and the Dalai Lama is doing it now. Someone in the administration should learn that Vision is not always believable, precisely because it's Visionary. But I don't want to use complicated ideas when critiquing the Student Leadership Handbook: they just don't go together well.

There's more: much more. None of it in any way appropriate to Fencing Club, or most other organizations. As President of the Medieval Society I know that the advice given here is just as useless, though for more complex reasons, to that group as well. In point of fact, these rules are inappropriate for any organization more creative than Campus Council, which is most of them. Big organizations with committees, rules of order, and no personality are easier for the administration to handle, but it's the eccentric groups, the Fencing Clubs, the Juggling clubs, the Game Players, the Psychology Clubs, et. al, that give this College color and make life interesting. These are also the groups that get the lowest budgets, are given the least respect, and have the most bureaucratic hassles. But looking at them, we learn something far more valuable than anything we could get out of a Handbook. Whoever's in charge of Blacksheep Rugby, in particular, has demonstrated magnificent leadership: it's been kicked off of campus, given no funding, had its publicity destroyed, been warned repeatedly by the administration to shut down, and despite all these unavoidable setbacks is PROSPERING, and was given NO HANDBOOK by the Student Activities Office. They show us that genuine leadership is not deconstructable by committees, and that the people we want as leaders are the people who don't need committee handouts, while the people we don't want as leaders will spend entirely too much time reading them. In other words, leaders are cynics and curmudgeons: two words you will never see in an administrative handout. We also wonder who's getting paid to produce this schlock.

As to the administration's constant bellowings about diversity in student organizations, the minute they appoint a Muslim to the Campus Minister Search Committee, I'll consider them credible.

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Is This a Pre-life Crisis? Halfway to Middle Age.

Turning 20 is something we all do, but does it have to happen now?

Turning 20 didn't seem like such a big deal at the time. Sure, I was losing the "teen" part, but wasn't that for the best? I would

Robin Oswald

finally be disassociated from slumber parties, braces, and the innocence of childhood.

From a distance, adulthood seems glorious. Experiencing it is not. The "freedom" of living on your own (i.e. paying the rent), going grocery shopping once a week, cooking your own meals, and generally trying to make ends meet loses its appeal after a few short weeks. I can see now why going to college is so popular.

Somehow this adulthood thing begins to grow on you after a while, though. After a month or so, I would be walking past an apartment building and would not be able to resist casually peering in someone's window. In my mind I could picture myself living

there, with more tasteful furnishings, of course.

The other changes were equally subtle. Planning my meals for the upcoming week was an exercise in creativity and finances. The pleasure of fixing a meal that was filling, tasty, and cheap cannot be rivaled. Except by Mom's cooking, naturally. Eating at Lowry will never be the same. I can now appreciate the convenience walking in and grabbing a meal prepared by someone else.

Some transformations were actually disturbing. Sometime over the summer I graduated from the "I drink coffee only to stay awake" club to the "I like to drink coffee, and it also keeps me awake" club. I began to look forward to reading the editorial pages of the Washington Post, as well as the Business and Metro sections. I did yard work and housecleaning regularly. Am I starting to turn into my parents?!? Scary thought.

Going to work in the morning, I developed

the classic robotic gaze. It was easy to tell who was a native Washingtonian and who wasn't; those who had any facial expressions whatsoever had to be tourists. Once at work, I became accustomed to calling my co-workers by their first names, despite the fact that they were often 20 or 30 years older than I was.

Yes, this summer was odd. I knew what was going on in the world. Politics seemed interesting. And, darn it, I didn't even mind dressing up for work every morning.

Returning to college was a culture shock. Food is prepared for you. The bathrooms and hallways are cleaned daily. Everything you can possibly need is right at your fingertips. Best of all, despite these luxuries, complaining is raised to a science. Somehow when you must take care of yourself, complaining isn't logical—there's no one else to blame.

College is a chance for us to delay the

inevitable real world. Four short years of pampering before that plush cushion is yanked away and reality hits you square in the face. Some of us will escape to grad school, but soon we'll all be out on our own, for better or for worse. Don't worry, it really isn't all that bad out there.

An experience like this makes you think, though. Education suddenly makes sense. It's a stunning revelation: "Hey, there is a purpose to all of this..."

Since mid-life crises don't usually begin until age 40 or so, what would be an appropriate name for this reevaluation of life? I prefer the term pre-life crisis, since hopefully most of my life is yet to be lived. Or am I just an over-achiever, getting a head start on my mid-life crisis at 20?

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WOOSTER INSIGHT

Is Student Apathy Increasing?

Point

Apathy is a devastating problem

Counterpoint

Student apathy is non-existent

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GREEK LIFE COMMITTEE: NOT QUITE POLICE-DOGGERS

Police-dogging, big brother watching, controlling, manipulating, domineering, and annoying. My impression of GLC (Greek Life Committee) is summed up with those words. I hate it. I despise it. I loathe it. Well, when Mr. Benjamin Wachs asked me to write about GLC and its new independent members, I thought I had the chance to rip them apart without asking the simplest of questions...Is my impression true?

Luke Zannoni

I admit my impression of GLC has been carefully molded over two years (not counting my year abroad; my Scottish friends were baffled by the fact that I belonged to a Greek organization and wasn't even from Greece) by all of my Greek friends telling me that they are police dogging, big brother watching...read the first paragraph. So, I figured this article would be simple. I would interview a few choice people, hastily throw together a few accusations, and go happily about my business writing in the Sports section...where I belong and where I had the unenviable task of finding headlines for our football games.

Well, all was well in the world of close-mindedness until I started to write some questions for my interview with Mr. Josh Minor, co-president of IGC (Inter-Greek Council), and member of GLC. I figured that Mr. Minor would love the opportunity to support my unfounded beliefs and give me the material I needed to destroy the Dark Side of campus life, a.k.a. GLC. But, it didn't happen. I tried to find some

angle, some way (any way!) of supporting my belief that GLC was a police dogging...you get the point.

So, I did what any close-minded Voice writer does when he finds out that he won't be able to knock down the establishment that he has despised for so many years. I gave up and decided to write stuff about sports, since I am allegedly qualified to do such. But this ended faster than a poorly organized Wooster protest when I was promptly smacked upside the head by Mr. Wachs and told that I'd better have an editorial or he would sic Emily Durham on me (and I tell you, I wouldn't want to meet her while sky diving).

I figured that the best way to accomplish my task was to go to the main man, the head honcho...Mr. Bob Rodda, the Chair of GLC. At this point I had a few doubts. Mr. Rodda is far from a police dogging whatever; he's even a pretty nice guy. But I shoved these thoughts into the back of my mind and carried on. I spoke to him for a half hour, learning that GLC was formed at the request of the President and later given power by CC (Campus Council) in November, 1993. Its main function is to oversee rushing, bidding, and new member education processes, as well as review charters and the status of Greek life on campus.

Talking to Mr. Rodda, I began losing ground in my quest for the mass destruction of this police dogging, blah, blah, blah. So, I talked to a few more people. I spoke with Mr. Donnell Wyche, a GLC member from last year; Ms. Courtney Young,

entering her third term as one of the independent members of GLC; Ms. Renee Snyder, Chair of CC; and Ms. Emily Durham, SGA President and newly appointed member of GLC. The end result? I WAS WRONG!!!! Yes, I was ignorant and boy did I feel like a schmuck. So, I did what any good schmuck does, I took a walk through Lowry, stopping in Mom's to accost a few people about their opinion of GLC. What did I discover? There are a lot of people out there who are as confused as me. The most common responses to the question, "What is your opinion of GLC?" was "pointless," "not my concern," "I know nothing about them," and "they hate all Greeks."

I felt a little better. GLC is not a police dogging, etc. group. Instead it protects the College, the students, and the Greek organizations when dealing with the issue of hazing and the attached liability. It looks out for Greek interests by providing services that improve the image of Greek organizations. Its existence lends legitimacy to organizations which the administration, faculty, and students generally think consists of beer-guzzling, affluent students. It accomplishes this by resolving allegations against Greek organizations and disciplining them when needed. GLC trusts Greek organizations to follow the proposals that are approved by GLC and therefore is far from a policing organization. This year's independent members, Courtney Young and Joe Allen, are open-minded individuals and a necessary part of a committee whose function is to assess Greek life on a campus where 75% are independents.

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Trying not to Tribalize

Greek systems interfere with a responsible environment

Wooster is sacrificing its social integrity by allowing Greek organizations still to exist on and off campus. The strong traditions of brotherhoods and sisterhoods are noble concepts but they seem to be outweighed by the negative implications generated by lifestyles that tend to promote more problems than solutions. Students are just as capable of developing brotherhoods and sisterhoods within the social framework of Wooster without the shelter of a Greek title. The disbanding of Greek organizations on campus would be met with great resistance, but it would provide in the long run a stronger overall student community that would be less focused on the acquisition of alcohol and more involved with the problems overwhelming separated factions and viewpoints of students. Elimination of Greeks from Wooster would change the social structure of the college prematurely for the better.

Greeks, by the very nature of their strong social identity, open themselves up to a great amount of criticism from the campus community. They cannot expect to be praised for community service and then ignored when members of an organization, for example, are linked to a date rape on campus. Community service is indeed a worthwhile endeavor, but what about the numerous problems that occur because of substance abuse in Greek organizations? Is it logical to participate in hedonistic drinking orgies every weekend and then expect to be patted on the back for an occasional "sign" of responsible behavior? What would community service organizations think of the actions that take place in Greek section housing on any given Friday night? These do not seem to be responsible and mature decisions made by the members of Greek organizations.

Greek identities serve to "tribalize" the Wooster student body into various factions. This is evident in every facet of campus life, from the lunch tables in Lowry Center to weekend parties. While it is true that independent students are just as guilty of social "tribalism," Greeks perpetuate social stereotypes and do little, if nothing, to break them down in an effective manner because they are important to the future existence of their organizations. Greeks, for example, actively recruit potential members through a series of rushes which essentially advertises a particular lifestyle choice. It is well known within the student body which organization is stereotypically represented by jocks, cheerleaders, drugies, and conservatives etc. These stereotypes then systematically divide the

college into particular social groups.

Every year before "hazing week" Greek organizations are required to attend a mandatory informational session. In fact, each group maintains a specific documented record of hazing events. Does this really stop all brutal hazing from taking place on campus? No. There is no way to monitor what takes place behind the closed doors of section housing. It is well known, but never confirmed, that certain organizations on campus continue barbaric hazing despite the efforts of the administration to put an end to these practices. Why not eliminate the problem once and for all?

With the possible exclusion of the brave students that live in Holden Annex, most of the worst on campus housing is occupied by Greek sections which, according to Betty Rae, number around 182 students on campus. This housing, combined with the numerous rituals that take place during hazing week, give Greek students a sense of camaraderie through adversity that few independent students at Wooster ever come realize. This type of brotherhood and sisterhood is reflective of the nature of Greek organizations that live in on campus housing. It is a question of lifestyle, however, not camaraderie that is in question within the Greek system. Consider, for example the implications of placing sections into a newly renovated dorm such as Kenarden.

Is living in a Greek system really the most admirable and responsible way to spend four years of college? College is a collective learning experience that is not limited solely to the classroom. Because, as students, we spend more time on average in the dorm room than in the classroom, it is the job of the college to provide an environment where students learn not only about themselves but the numerous value systems and diversity present at the College of Wooster. Greeks, in their present form, perpetuate a cycle of ignorance where members, although not publicly exclusive, continue to perpetuate a mentally and physically destructive lifestyle that weakens the overall social framework of the college.

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The Leveling Wind

The problem with Greeks? Aren't enough of them...

deTocqueville first noted the leveling egalitarianism to which Americans are susceptible, and Wooster's anti-Greek clique has not let him down. The argument against Greeks goes 'People who are different promote the perception that people are different, which leads to division, and to more difference, therefore they're bad.'

There is something more at play here. It's something sinister, something evil, something dangerous. No, sorry, it's just silly.

Woosterites dislike those who act differently, and uppity Greeks who forget their place always upset the social order for normal people, hence we don't like them. Sorry that's those darned Southerners. Well, we dislike Greeks because they're different from the rest of us. No, that would be intolerant of the 'lifestyle choices' of others.

Ok, well, we don't hate Greeks, we just wish that they weren't Greek. No, that's the same "hate-the-sin-but-love-the-sinner" rationale used to justify the single greatest danger to the republic, homophobia.

To hell with consistency! We don't like Greeks! They drink a lot. They are uncouth and uncourteous. They are loud when they are drunk. They drink a lot. They have turned Armington and Bissman into ratholes. They don't participate on campus. They drink a lot. They are exclusive in their membership. Did I mention the drinking?

Yadda, yadda, yadda. It astounds me, though it shouldn't, how liberal talk of 'tolerance' often collapses when the rubber hits the road. In thinly-veiled anti-Catholic bias in press reporting or in the not-so-thinly-veiled contempt for smokers, those who claim to be the most tolerant time and time again prove themselves to be merely morally pretentious.

Which brings us to the Greek issue. The College's Student Leadership Handbook includes the word "homophobia" as a suggestive hint after "homophobia," just in case we didn't get the hint the first 6,429 times; what are the odds that "helenophobic" will find its way into next year's Handbook? Call me up if you know someone willing to lay odds.

The fact is that many people succumb to the temptation which deTocqueville described; the castigation of the foreign. Greeks are not

like us, therefore Greeks are bad. In the absence of a Greek Anti-Defamation League or a Greek, Layperson and Bi-Hellenic Students' Association, such sentiments will not run into serious opposition because being Greek is a voluntary decision, and therefore condemnable. (Just like homosexuality... Wait, that's the Rush Limbaugh line. Doooh!)

Yes, Greeks drink a lot. Guess what - I drink a lot with some of them, and if they weren't here, I'd have to drink in the Voice office even more than I do now, and God only knows what that could lead to.

Would those who do join fraternities and sororities drink even if the organizations weren't here? Probably. Would they be as subject to College supervision? Of course not. Would incidences of assault and other mischief be more or less frequent in dark singles and unoccupied hallways, than at well-attended Greek parties? You be the judge.

The objections to Greek organizations boils down basically to plain-vanilla xenophobic "anti-elitism." Anyone different from me is abnormal, because I'm perfectly well-adjusted and right at the tip of the bell curve. Why do others need secret and exclusive organizations when I have gotten along without them? They must be up to something. Calling Pat Robertson, we have some recruits for you...

On a campus as socially dead as Wooster's, fraternities and sororities serve as a valuable catalyst for social interaction. As for their tendency to stick to themselves, people who live in glass houses (and especially in Douglass Hall for four years straight, Mr. Wolski) should not throw stones. Greeks perform valuable community service just like other student organizations. They serve on SGA; they serve above and beyond the call of duty on the Voice staff; they go to class; they eat, just like the rest of us, with their friends in Lowry.

Greeks contribute too much to this campus for us to stand by and watch mindless stereotypes and hysterical hyperbole be strewn about with a careless abandon concerning the truth. Liberals of Wooster, re-arm yourselves; stereotypical denigrations are inappropriate means of discussion, and we should not abide them, whether against racial minorities, religions, or voluntary organizations.

None of this would be a problem were Greek organizations influential or numerous enough to permeate campus discussion. Were that the case, Greek issues would be dealt with as a matter of course. All goes to show we do have a problem with Greeks in Wooster: there aren't enough of them.

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Are Greeks detrimental
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or beneficial to the
Community?

Greek Life Committee

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GLC is normally viewed as a secretive organization that meets behind closed doors. Although some meetings must be closed when dealing with accusations and delicate issues, the meetings are usually open. This is just one fact that escapes the attention of the campus, even the Greeks. GLC needs a procedure to disseminate information to the campus community. I heard various suggestions, including a World-Wide Web page or publishing minutes. I don't know what the solution

should be. However, I do know that my original beliefs are widely held, and that information and education is the only way to dispel those rumors, myths, and stereotypes.

My last major concern lies with Campus Council. Last year, CC decided to form the Leadership and Membership Evaluation Committee (LMEC) with GLC and the Selection, Induction, and Education Process Approval Committee (SIEPAC) as sub-committees. Why? Because there are non-Greek organizations

on this campus that carry out induction ceremonies. The problem with CC's solution? Bureaucracy. This concern was so great that former President Copeland wrote a letter to CC asking them to reconsider this proposal. I myself believe that a committee like SIEPAC is needed, but I have yet to understand why such a committee (which Ms. Snyder stated could possibly contain the same members as the GLC) need exist separately of GLC. Change the GLC's name to something more

inclusive and avoid the bureaucracy. For that reason, I would have to say that I applaud Ms. Durham, who intends to make sure that the campus as a whole is not tied down in red-tape and multiple committees.

So, what are my new beliefs? GLC is NOT a police dogging, big brother watching, controlling, manipulating, domineering, destroying, and annoying organization, and I hope that the campus community is aware of this. Now, I must leave the pages of Viewpoints (where I definitely do not

belong) and return to Sports where my biggest worry is whether a certain headline will encourage forty men to induce bodily harm on a police dogging, big brother watching, controlling, manipulating, domineering, destroying, and annoying Sports Editor. Mr. Wachs, I'll try to stay out of your section...for awhile.

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FEATURE

Homecoming!



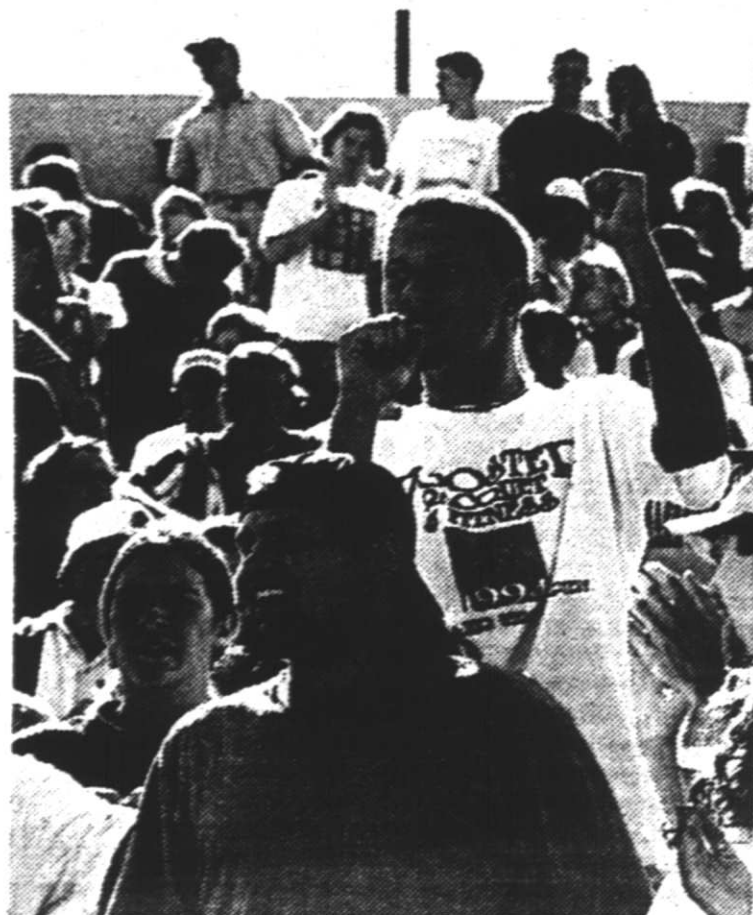
Whiling Away a Weekend at Wooster

RACHEL POPE

This weekend I kept thinking, here is youth and it is wonderful and I will live forever. Or at least I will die really, really happy. Who wouldn't have a good weekend when it is traversed with floats and bumblebee kilts and sunlight and red leaves? Any weekend is a good one when the football team wins against a school that isn't Oberlin. But there was a sign even before the win. Yes, we all should have known it was going to be a good weekend when we found out "1964": The Tribute was playing here.

Oh sure, they say there's nothing better than the real thing, but some things can be pretty damn close. When the pseudo-Beatles came onstage, when the first words came out, the first notes, people were in the aisles storming the stage, screaming at the top of their lungs breaking the toes of those around them. It was

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Swigging Scotch with the Scots Homecoming!

The Features section ends its exploration of the study abroad experience this week with an account of senior Luke Zannoni's year in Aberdeen, Scotland.

LUKE ZANNONI

Every now and then I find myself staring off into space and dreaming, and what I see in that space in front of me are images from my year long stay in Aberdeen, Scotland and the university there. Just over a year ago, and it does seem almost like a dream now, I left the States and headed overseas with several other Wooster students on the GLCA Aberdeen Program. Five of us, the lucky ones, got to stay for a year, even though we didn't all plan it that way. It was this group, and a few semester folk, to whom I spoke when I decided to write about experiencing the great land of Scotland. I asked them each the same question; what was their favorite thing about the Aberdeen experience? The answer: beer and beautiful country. But after a year there, or even just a semester, there had to be a few more words than that to ascribe to the experience.

Heather Young '96, one of the lucky ones, said, "It was beautiful there... I liked living by the ocean, that was really cool." I can't help but agree with her. Scotland has got to be one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen. The minute we got out of the inner city of Glasgow and into the country, I was greeted with some of the greenest grass I have seen in my life. From there on, there

also went to larger towns like Glasgow, Inverness, and magnificent Edinburgh. My favorite trip, though, came at the end of the year when classes were over and my exams had not yet begun. It was then, that myself, Greg Bell '96, and three other Americans got in a car and drove to the Isle of Skye. We spent two nights on the island, where we stayed on the ocean's edge, and fell asleep to the sound of the rolling waves. I'm not alone in my adoration of this trip. Bell backed me up and said, "It was beautiful, especially Skye."

Andrew Weaver '97, a one semester guy, mentioned another plus about the Aberdeen experience: "The lack of academic pressure was a wonderful break from Wooster." Amen to that. Aberdeen University places the burden to learn on the students. Continuous assessment is non-existent, and grades ride on final exams. Since our credits, and not our grades, transferred, passing was the main focus. Many a night of studying Scottish culture (primarily

a discussion. I even won a bottle of fine Scotch Whisky as a prize for the best poster in my politics class.

As for Scottish culture outside the beer, Shannon Tennant '97 commented, "I appreciated how at ease people were with tradition." She then talked about a performance of a 400 year old play ("A Midsummer Night's Dream") on a 500 year old quad. In terms of atmosphere, Heather Schuckman '96 mentioned, "The accents and the people." As to that, I can only say that I found

friendly people wherever I traveled. I met fabulous folk from all over the world on the Aberdeen University Basketball

"Even when it was raining, I still smiled at the beauty."

Club. And I found my flat mates to be the most wonderful people. They accepted me for who I was, placing their stereotypes about Americans aside.

So, what was my favorite part of Scotland? Like those I interviewed, I too must stutter and stammer when asked that question. How can you sum up a year long experience in one sentence? But I asked my friends

the question, so I should have to answer it too. I guess I am most grateful to my stay in Scotland for an appreciation it gave me. While I was there I could look at Aberdeen's beauty and a amazing populace long enough to forget where I came from. I learned to separate myself from the environment long enough to appreciate

everything that I have around me. That was the best thing about Scotland for me. Plus, how can you beat an Orkney Dark Island, a Lager Tops, a cold pint of McEwan's, a frothy Guinness, a sweet Snakebite Black, or even a nip of whisky?

Although it is a little hazy, I still daydream. I let my mind wander to thoughts of Seaton Park, through which I walked every morning on the mile long trip to class; and I let it wander to the people and the country I have left behind. I miss them (and the nightly trip to the Bobbin for a pint), and I thank them for allowing me to share their thoughts as well as accepting mine.



The author and fellow Wooster students at Loch Marie

from a beverage standpoint), easily replaced chemistry as the whisky of choice. It was worth it, although now it has dampened my academic motivation here at Wooster.

Scottish culture and beer seem to go hand in hand. Jen Willis '96 spoke favorably about immersing herself "in another culture and the beer." One spends at least three nights a week in the pubs. It's not just the drinking that draws you in, but the socializing and even the learning that can go on in pubs. In Scotland, alcohol is part of the learning experience. Several of my friends accompanied instructors to pubs to consume a pint and continue

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incredible. Wende Bitler '98 said, "I had so much fun flirting with George. He gave me his guitar pick. He walked to the end of the stage and personally gave it to me."

Bitler was not the only Wooster student to lose her heart that night. Graig Meyer '96 said, "Ringo waved at me. And I fainted. He said, 'I love you.' And I love Ringo." Jamie Christensen '96 was so taken by all of them that he suggested a school uniform based on what The Tribute wore that night. Swollen hearts, streaming hearts, hearts on the sleeve; it was all heart breaking, girls swooned, boys slow danced together and everybody swayed.

The next morning the sun rose, students stumbled out of their beds, and then the judges came. They visited Douglass, Wagner and Babcock in order to decide which lounge was best decorated in accordance with this year's Homecoming theme, "Hollywood." The lounges, according to Susan Hosso '97, the chair of SAB's Special Events Committee, were judged on "content, color and creativity, and overall appearance." Douglassites, who turned their lounge into the "Hollywood Horror Theater" and gave the judges previews of horror movies to come, were proclaimed the winners. Hosso, impressed with their creativity, said, "It was definitely different, we've never had people act for us before." Their creativity knew no end Saturday, for they were also proclaimed the winners of the float contest.

If you happened to catch the float's mid-stream performance, you might have an idea why they won. If you didn't, you missed a rootin'-tootin' wild west show. In the corniest sense possible, everyone deserved to win for participating. As Hosso said, what makes Homecoming successful is "how many people are involved with an activity."

Even if the other organizations didn't win, they still got to dress up, which is almost better than, or at least comparable to, a trophy. Meghan Davis '96, who was Thelma from "Thelma and Louise" on the SGA float, said, "It was a good bonding experience for SGA. We had a really fun time. Being Thelma rocked." Other organizations that had floats in the parade included

SAB, SGA, EKO's, Betas, SADD, ISA, and the Recycling Program. The floats were all led, of course, by the Scot Band.

And all of this led us to the game, and though it is the job of the sports section to cover it, WE WON! People were up on their feet clapping, the band did their pyramid, and WE WON! That night, the lawn outside Bissman, littered with beer cans, was in plain testament to the fact that WE WON!

Scheduled directly after the game was the Scot Serenade. There was the Scot Band in a flood of late afternoon light playing "It Can't Mean a Thing, If It Ain't Got That Swing." The whole world came alive, you could hear the leaves changing colors. Amelia Sutton '97 was moved to say, "I decided to go to Wooster for the rest of my life." Phillippe Kozub '97 enjoyed himself as well. He said, "It was really nice to have apple cider on the President's lawn. It made me proud to be a Wooster student seeing the band and the dancers perform." Yes, Kozub said cider. There was food at the serenade. Lots of food. Apples and muffins. I myself saw boxes of muffins taken out of the Great Muffin Truck and placed on the tables. The remains of these were popped over to Lowry, and succeeded in making Liam Kelly's '97 day. He raved about the muffins: "They were scrumdiddilicious."

And before Homecoming could slip away, there was one last explosion. That's right: the Wild Video Dance Party! Sure it's a cheesy name, and sure it makes you feel like you're going to an MTV sponsored college, but did you see the number of people there? They ran out of food even! Which was most likely a great disappointment, as Abdullah Bushnaq '98 thought the chicken wings were awesome and Mike Carson '98 raved about the delectability of the carrots. But not a soul gained weight that night. It was, after all, a dance party. Josh Baird '98 said, "I sweated my butt off." Carson, who made three dollars wearing cleats to the dance, also tore up the floor, as well as a few peoples' legs. And the night disappeared with the wild chanting of "YMCA" and "Scat Man."

And that was the end of the weekend, a great weekend.

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Writing Center offers help....

DANIELLE COPPOLA

On the second floor of Andrews library is the writing center, where every student can go for help with their papers, essays, paragraphs, and writing style. "Sometimes people have a preconceived notion of the writing center—that only bad writers come here. That isn't true at all," the resident intern, Ruth Berry, tells me. "No matter how good a writer is, it is a wise idea for anyone to come to the center and get a second opinion on his or her work."

"Students are encouraged to make an appointment...sessions usually last anywhere from a half hour to an hour," she said. "Most tutoring sessions are one on one, but we are trying this year to do some collaborative (group) tutoring, for students that are in the same class and that are doing the same assignment."

The writing center has certainly been through some changes. "It started in 1959 or 1960," said Lois McCall, one of the first tutors to the writing center, "but it was rather informal and it didn't have a name, really. If one could call it something, it was the Faculty Wives Tutoring Service, and it was made up of wives of the professors who had experience and training... I taught at Holy Oak, Wisconsin State College and the University of Wisconsin, so I was asked to go tutor students and evaluate their composition problems."

The center has certainly come a long way from a wide room with dividers. "We renovated this year," said Ruth Berry. "We added individual tutoring offices and branched into another room. It's much more comfortable for the students. We also have a new computer—when the student wants to work with a paper while it is on disk, we can accommodate them."

"Professors can request workshops, on things like how to write a research paper. We also will do E.S.L.—English as a Second Language. As intern, I help with those—I also am responsible for Year One (a literary magazine), and I help the consultants with workshops. I also do a lot of tutoring."

Who are the people who work in the Writing center? "We have 4 professional Consultants—all have worked here for a number of years. And the desk receptionists are essential—Liz Stearuch, who graduated last year with a double major in Dance and English, works full time during the day and in the evenings we have student receptionists. There are 6 peer tutors—students at the college who have gone through training sessions to learn how to tutor." Ruth Berry said. "Nancy Grace is the current director of the writing center—she has held the office since 1980—she is also the chair of the English de-



Ruth Berry assists students at writing center.

Photo by ERIC BAKKEN

partment. Nancy runs the tutor programs—they are well trained and very flexible," said Barb Hustwit.

"We get all kinds of students and papers here," Barb Hustwit, who has worked at the center since 1984, added. "The center should be looked at as a writing resource, not a proof-reading service... We work with a wide range of writing ability and a language fluency, and a lot of seniors on their Is's. The seniors have to sign up for the first or second

week of January. We will not work with those who have 2 or 3 weeks until the final draft is due! ...seriously, I like working with seniors—they are motivated, panicked and focused. They take instruction well and interact with the writing.

The writing centers' hours are Monday through Thursday: 9 to 12, 1 to 4, and 6 to 10. On Fridays: 9 to 12 and 1 to 4. They are not open on Saturdays, and on Sundays they are open 1 to 4 and 6 to 10.

May You Be Inscribed in the Book of Life; Celebrating Yom Kippur

ILANA BROWNSTEIN

"G'mar chatima tova"; may you be sealed for blessing in the Book of Life. This Hebrew phrase was uttered around the world this week, the week of Yom Kippur. This holyday is the second part of the celebration of the Jewish new year 5756; Rosh Hashana is the first. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement for the Jewish people, and the most holy and solemn day of the year. There are prohibitions on eating, drinking, bathing, and working, which are observed across all sects of Judaism. On Yom Kippur Jews confess their sins to themselves and to God. These sins include both the obvious and the not so obvious. For example, it is interesting to me that during Yom Kippur it is a sin to not actively try to do good to help those around you, and in the rest of the world. If I am not the best person I can be, that is a sin. This expectation, however, is kept realistic. I am not expected to be as great as Moses.

Many people ask me why the new year is a holy day for the Jewish faith. During the Days of Awe, the period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we believe that we are

judged. This judgment is written on Rosh Hashanah, and during the days of penitence that follow, we must make peace with those we have committed offenses against, with those who have committed offenses against us, and with God, because on Yom Kippur "the Day of Atonement does not atone if you do not make peace with your fellow man." The most difficult part of the repentance process is that one must be forgiven by fellow man. If one makes all these atonements he or she will be written into the Book of Life for another year; and at sunset on Yom Kippur, the Book is sealed. Thus, the new year not only marks change and new beginnings, but it also marks the choice of life which we make by absolving ourselves.

How does this apply to our campus, you wonder? Jewish students on this campus celebrated Rosh Hashanah last week, and Yom Kippur this Tuesday and Wednesday. For Yom Kippur we fasted from sunset to sunset. Some of us attended Knesseth Israel Temple in Wooster, some journeyed to Temple Israel in Canton, others went home to be with their family, and still others preferred to celebrate by themselves, away from temple. This

In With The Out Crowd

GLBA announces Coming Out Day

ALICIA PARKS

Wednesday, Oct. 11, is National Coming Out Day. Coming Out Day was founded to highlight issues surrounding the coming out of gays, lesbians and bisexuals. It is a process which allows them to express their full selves to those they care about by revealing their sexuality.

Sexuality is a part of a person which extends far beyond the bounds of the bedroom, so that if someone remains in the closet it can eliminate most topics of conversation, except the weather. To make this clearer, think of a heterosexual acquaintance of yours who is involved in a long term relationship. Now think about how many times they refer to their relationship within any given conversation. Imagine if they had to pretend that they were not in love, what would they say? Their deepest feelings and thoughts would be concealed. Sometimes gay people also have to make decisions concerning who it is safe to tell about their last weekend, or what books they are reading or even what their I.S. topic is.

Gays, lesbians and bisexuals are often afraid of the consequences of coming out, because prejudice and misunderstanding are so widespread. For example, some men and women on campus related that they have had people in locker rooms accuse them of looking at them.

Although many feared losing friends by coming out, few have experienced this loss. It is important to note, however, that some homosexuals' loved ones may experience their own coming out process, before they are able to tell others that someone they love is gay.

Some students complained that the people to whom they have come out have been too curious—or not curious enough. One man claimed that everybody to whom he came out, including his parents, seemed to say only "Hmm..." No one to whom I spoke seemed to feel that the costs of coming out outweighed the benefits. They all found coming out to be an important part of being themselves.

In celebration of National Coming Out Day, Wooster's GLBA (Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance) will have a table in Lowry with information and stickers. GLBA is also having an open house in the Babcock dining room from 8:00-10:00 p.m. on October 11. There will be books, pamphlets, and other information from the GLBA library available. Food will also be provided.

If someone comes out to you on Wednesday, put yourself in their shoes. Think about the courage involved in their action. Be supportive, be curious, be honest. Don't make assumptions. And if you support gay rights, be sure to wear jeans this Wednesday.

year, I found myself driving to Canton's reform temple for services, which was quite a change from the service I attended last year at Knesseth Israel, a primarily conservative temple. Many non-Jews tend not to realize the quite relevant and vast differences between the different sects of Judaism. I'll attempt to simplify them and shed a little light on this complex topic.

Orthodox Jews keep strictly kosher and keep men and women separated in the temple. They have specific laws for what they are allowed to wear, and when they are and are not allowed to work. Conservative Jews also tend to keep kosher, but they do not separate men and women within the Temple. They do observe the Sabbath, but they do not have specific dress codes. Reform Jews tend not to keep kosher or to keep specific dress codes. Although they may observe the Sabbath, they take a less traditional view of the Torah, the Jewish holy book.

The services at these respective temples are also quite different. It is difficult for a conservative Jew to feel comfortable in either a reform or orthodox temple, just as it is hard for an orthodox or reform Jew to feel comfortable in temples not of

their particular sects. Everyone wants to feel at home in their place of worship, and these different sects of Judaism make that possible. Being in Wooster, which has such a small Jewish population, it is hard to find a place of worship that fits each student's needs. To help resolve this problem, Hillel at the College of Wooster extended its connections outside of the Wooster community to the Temple Israel in Canton. Brian Friedman '97, president of Hillel, says of this outreach, "It has been very difficult to provide for the vast differences in Jewish practice here at the College, but I think that Temple Israel is definitely a good start."

Hillel at The College of Wooster will be celebrating its next holiday, Sukkot, the festival of harvest, this Sunday. The Sukkah hut will be erected on the hill between Lowry Center and the P.E.C. this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, curious, or just passing by, you are welcome to come help us erect the Sukkah, or just ask us questions about it. In addition, members of Hillel will be in the Sukkah at every lunch and dinner for the next week. Please drop by and check it out!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Trombonist Gives Recital

Michael Becker plays Gault tonight

SALLY THELEN

World renowned bass trombonist Michael Becker will give a recital tonight, October 6.

Becker is a former student of Jeffrey Lindberg, professor of music here at the College and is now the principal trombonist with the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. He also is a trombone instructor in the music department at the University of Hawaii. In July, Becker was appointed by Sir Georg Solti to the World Symphony in Geneva, Switzerland, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

Lindberg described the experience of having a student reach such prestige as very "gratifying." Lindberg started teaching Becker at the age of fourteen and hopes he helped develop the young student's talents at an early age.

Tonight's performance will feature the *Second Horn Concerto* of Richard Strauss, *Richter Lieder* by Gustav Mahler, *Vocalise* by Sergey Rachmaninoff, *Sonata for Bass Trombone and Piano* by Alec Wilder and *Variations on "Barnacle Bill."* Lindberg believes this selection to be both varied and challenging.

Becker is combining pieces such as Strass' and Rachmaninoff's, not usually meant for bass trombones, to create a unique recital. Wilder's piece, traditionally meant for the trombone, will add to a program bound to expand Becker's repertoire.

As well as giving the performance, Becker will be giving lessons to some of the trombone students at the college. The students are very enthusiastic about receiving this chance to study with Becker.

Becker's past experiences include being named to the second trombone position of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in 1989. He has also performed with the Chicago Symphony during its regular season and at the Ravina Festival. During the past summer, he held a position with the Grant Park Symphony in Chicago. In 1987, he was principal trombonist with the Savannah Symphony Orchestra and the Savannah Symphony Brass Quintet. He is an active solo recitalist and gives master classes throughout Hawaii and at locations in the continental United States.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Gault Recital Hall of Scheraga.

"She's all pelvic thrust"

— FILM REVIEW —

KOK KIAN GOH

When we realized that we're to be offended, do we choose to be bemused? That is the question we keep asking ourselves throughout *Showgirls*, the overhyped, undercharged skinfest from director Paul Verhoeven and writer Joe Eszterhas. The team which brought us *Basic Instinct* hopes to have created the quintessential adult movie, but fails either to titillate our more primal senses or to provoke our rage.

Showgirls follows Nomi (Elizabeth Berklee) on her quest to become a star Las Vegas dancer. Nomi brings with her a sordid, regretted past, and a dream of being the most fabulous, revered, desired of them all. Reality catches up once more, and she finds herself working the Cheetah Club, as a stripper and lap dancer. Quickly graduating to the glitz and glamour of the Goddess show, after catching the eye of Goddess star Christal (Gina Gershon) and performing for—or, rather, servicing—its art director Zack (Kyle MacLachlan), she begins what amounts to her selling her soul to the deity of Las Vegas dance. Along the

way, we see Nomi shoving Christal down a flight of steps in jealous rage, Nomi finding roommate Mollie (Gina Ravera) raped by a sex-fiendish, Michael Bolton-like rock star, and Nomi exacting what we assume to be an appropriately sex based revenge on said rock star.

Good girl turns bad, turns good, turns deadly. The formula is there; but what of the film? Barring unreasonable ignorance on the part of the audience, no one will be watching the movie to experience cinematic profundity. The acting is expectedly shallow, emoting being reduced to that of joy, lust, and anger, all in a trying naiveté. MacLachlan brings certain credibility to the film but seems overwhelmed by the sheer debauchery around him and consequently loses it. Eszterhas' script is dodgy even by the loosest Hollywood standards. While attempting to portray the seedy underbelly and ostentatious façades of the city and its characters, he lapses into gross caricature. Nomi in particular goes about her trysts with almost laughable sincerity, especially when she dodges a come on with a lame "You can f-k me when you love me."

But critical excellence was surely never the point. *Showgirls* is calcu-

lating, a concoction of all which could insult in a deliberately anti-p.c. manner. But nudity, arbitrary and careless, quickly becomes dull, and, in the course of the film, hackneyed. Sexist jokes targeting plastic surgery and menstruation are more tedious than anything else. When it comes to sex and violence, traditional bastions of revolt, *Showgirls* shies away. Aside from a splashy, breathtakingly acrobatic pool scene, sex is clothed, hidden, unrequited. Violence seems thrown in, like they knew it had to be there but didn't know how to handle it. When Molly is raped, and when Nomi wrests her revenge, two pivotal points of violence in the film, the camera turns away in moments of uncharacteristic prudence.

Oddly, in a film which deals with a subject undoubtedly demeaning to them, women come off "alright," if not exactly empowered. While the showgirls universally demonstrate a somewhat unreal obsession, a starry-eyed fascination, with topless dancing, the men are weak, gullible, victims of their own insatiable lust. It is appropriate that the interaction between dancer and audience

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Haute-Comedy with the Shoes

Comedy-improv troop casts away apparel of old to begin new year

NAT MISSILDINE

If you're in the mood for laughter or even if you're not come join in the fun at Luce Multi-Purpose Room where Don't Throw Shoes will be giving their first show of the year tonight, Friday the 6th, at 8:00.

For those not familiar with this jolly bunch, Don't Throw Shoes is Wooster's very own comedy-improv group. Now into their sixth year, Shoes mixes improv routines (which include audience participation) with skits. Currently, Shoes consists of seven members, one of whom, junior David Hershorn, is an inactive member as he is reportedly on a sabbatical.

Of the active members however, there are three seniors. Adam Harry Rose is an English major and claims that Superman is the person he looks up to, which he announces as he sports a Superman T-shirt. Karen Louis is a Theater major doing an improv Independent Study project. While Louis was not available to take questions, her fellow Shoes players did add that some of Louis's hobbies include catching fire with her mouth, eating tree bark and surfing at Shreve Lake. Lastly, is purported dance major Pearson Cummings, whom the Shoes clan

affectionately refers to as "Colonel Potter". Cummings revealed to the Voice that he was offered the starring role in last year's hit film "Tommy Boy", but decided against taking it. Cummings also commented that he is now a member of The College of Wooster faculty as well.

The three remaining members of Don't Throw Shoes are junior Justin Milgram and sophomores Anthony Williams and Travis Morgan. Milgram professes that he is a Women's Studies major and is known as the Stock Broker. "I recommend companies with pretty colors in their logos," he states.

Williams is said to be the clown prince of the group and submits that his favorite number is forty. As for the 6'5" Psychology major Morgan, he is the alleged playboy and jet-setter of the group and is currently looking for a 5'2" female. "The two youngest members are the funniest," declares Williams.

The Shoes also brought to the attention of the Voice that they were seven of the twelve jurors on the O.J. Simpson case and have just returned from L.A. Plans are in the works, too, for the Shoes members to star in O.J. The Movie, with Milgram as Judge Ito, Rose as

Marcia Clark and Cummings as F. Lee Bailey.

This year in the Don't Throw Shoes shows audiences can expect to see more campus-oriented humor and more recurring characters in the skits. All the Shoes members, however, wanted to make it clear that there will be no skits regarding Suzanne Woods. "Something may slip out in the improv though," warned Cummings.

On a similar note, Cummings urged audience members to "leave their baggage at the door" and to keep in mind that their comedy is purely satirical.

"Satire is the key word, here," echoed Rose.

Don't Throw Shoes will have their first audition on Tuesday, October 10th at 9:00 in Lean Lecture Room and urge those who want to audition to bring a joke. The Shoes usually hold hour-long rehearsals nightly.

After tonight's show, more Don't Throw Shoes performances will be soon to follow, the next show now scheduled for Parent's Weekend. But don't miss this opportunity to see their first in the '95-'96 school year. Don't Throw Shoes will take the stage promptly at 8:00. Donations are welcome.

Poet Gives Reading

Terese Svoboda describes Sudanese war

NICOLE COWARD

"A civil war conducted through starvation." This was how Terese Svoboda described the civil war that was raging in the Sudan's Upper Nile Province. Her experiences during that time were the basis for poetry in her collection *Mere Mortals* and her novel *Cannibal*, from which she read Tuesday night in Lowry 119.

The civil war Svoboda alluded to had left "no children under the age of five living. They had all starved to death." With this introduction, Svoboda began reading "warm-up poems" from *Mere Mortals*. The first one was called "Donkey." "... Our caravan, though not camel, proceeds toward the sun, as if it were an oasis. ... We're thankful when women rail the truck with sticks, creating an ambiance of foreignness. And when their men pass with an armload of corpse, we upend our knapsacks; we take pictures. For this, the women put down their sticks. ... As we grind on, the funeral falls behind. ..."

Her next poem, called "Sudanese Civil Sonnet," began with the following epigram from the *New York Times*: "Twelve thousand Sudanese boys walked across 600 miles to Kenya and back again when no one

offered refuge." "The bones scattered, not as impressively as the elephants', unless you call it a decorative statement. Lots of smashed thousands for color and texture. Lots of texture, especially where the bones congregate with smaller sets. ... Why, these bones could be theirs! So white, so strong, so clean."

Svoboda continued with readings from the book *Cannibal*. She said, "Someone said that I should just read the 'horrible parts.' So I think I'll read the horrible parts! People seem to like them best." The first narrative was that of crossing a river, which may or may not have crocodiles, with a man whom throughout the book she refers to only as "the man I am with." ... The man who walks in front of me wears a map on his back that's the way we are going, that is, the hummock and plain all scratched out in some design of scar across his back. On his front, where his face starts just over the brow, six straight scars run—like that's where you'd tear here to get inside. Clear to the bone; that shows he's just as tough as a woman who gives birth. It's a map of where he's been, not where we're going. At least, not me: for men only. The man I'm with has only this hole in

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his lip, good to wiggle screws through. Even then you draw the line, not cut it, with this bone-deep slicing the way I do at birth. I don't even think about birth, but keep my eye on the rise and fall of that man's shoulders and the map as he walks. ... Talking is hard, but the map is good...."

The second narrative was about "what it's like to visit someone with 12 wives." "... I want this man, this one with the stamp. ... Maybe it is the smell of the paper... Maybe, because I like paper, I like him. The feeling is strong. Did I want the man who has my color? Or the drunk one that measured my neck like this? I also like his eyes, brown and round and at a slant. But not too yellow in the whites, where they show a person's illness. I am running my own eyes all around, all over him. ... It is not a matter of color. ... I'm walking as close to the man as I can. I'm even thinking about how I can get rid of the man I am with, and have the food just with him. It is so hard to even make a picture of that in

my head that I smile. ... What does he have that he needs such a fence? ... 'I have all my wives on a schedule,' he says. For a moment all the women rush at him. For a moment all of them love him. They all run to touch him, to feel his lips and hands... and I am going to be one of them, not responsible for what I am going to be doing with my lips and hands. It is like a pop star, I think, all these women coming toward him...."

A question-and-answer session followed, where Svoboda spoke of knowing that works "would never be published." To the question "How do you go about publishing something that will never be published?", Svoboda answered, "You just believe in it. If you believe in it, eventually someone will publish what you have written."

Cannibal is Svoboda's first novel. Last year she won both the GLCA New Writer's Award for Fiction, and the 1994 Elmer Bobst Award for Emerging Writers. She has also written three books of poetry—*All Abomination*, *Laughing Africa*, and *Mere Mortals*—and a book of African song translations called *Cleans the Crocodile's Teeth*.

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should be one of aggression, that eroticism should be tinged with hostility, for isn't this how men would view sex for which they are paying (what's so sexy about that?); and how women would react to their status as commodity? But here, the women, at least Nomi, ultimately find redemption.

Verhoeven and Eszterhas—on record, at least—meant this to be formidable push for mass market acceptance, a commercial litmus test for the NC-17 rating. There are brief moments of comic frivolity which only comes from such irreverence: "She's all pelvic thrust," gushes a trainer of Nomi's dancing qualities, a complement apparently. But these are scarce, and more often than not succumb to vulgar camp. Finally, the film dissolves, a diluted mess of neon, sleaze, and bad lines. We're not offended enough, scarcely entertained, and hardly aroused. *Showgirls* is a cheap and unsatisfying ride.



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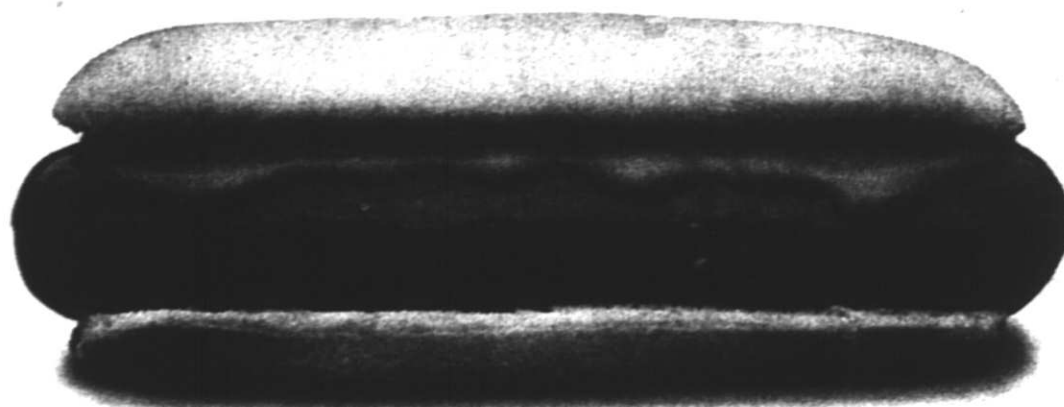
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High Contrast Amongst Blacksheep

Sheep Pummel Denison- GO 2-0

GARY VICK
DARWIN KEITH-LUCAS

The Football team was not the only team to play Denison for Homecoming. On Saturday afternoon Blacksheep Rugby played the Denison Big Red Rugby Club at the OARDC.

In typical Denison Rugby fashion, they were an hour late because they were all out drinking the night before. To counter this, the women played before the men against a tough John Carroll squad. Unlike the Sheep's first victory, the women did not have as much success losing to Carroll in the first game. Then the Sheep took the field a little later than expected. Kickoff was then around 2:30. The Sheep came out strong in the first few minutes with a try by Jay 'Tabor' Chace. The Sheep followed that up with a score by Spencer Harman '96 and then a beautiful try by rookie, Lee Jameson '99. Lee, younger brother of Geoff, had his second strong and impressive game in as many weeks. His start was doubtful before the game due to a strained hamstring; however, by game time he was ready to go. As all three conversions were missed, the sheep closed the first half with a 15-0 lead.

The second half was much the same as the first. Additional tries were scored by Spencer Harman and 'Tabor' along with a try by rookie

Women's Rugby Left with Achy-Breaky Heart

KALIMA DRGA

Women's Blacksheep Rugby had their second game of the season on Saturday, September 30th at the OARDC against John Carroll. The women played a strong game despite having to play two players down from the opposing team.

In the first half of the game the women had to adjust to the new positions they were forced to play in. The women played well, despite many of the high tackles and penalties made by John Carroll. John Carroll managed to score four times in this

half bringing the score to 21 - 0

In the second half the women pulled together and played one of the best halves this season, with more complete tackles and offensive movement. The women held John Carroll defensively, only being scored upon once. Although the Blacksheep were unable to score they showed improvement from their first game against Kenyon the Saturday before.

The final score was 26 - 0. This weekend the Blacksheep Rugby teams travel to Muskingum to play a tri-match with Muskingum and Ohio Wesleyan.

Dan Herr '97. Much like Lee, Dan turned in his second powerful game, in as many weeks, helping to make the Sheep line quick, strong, and unbeatable. The scrum was a little shaken due to Mark Webe's injury the previous week. Further dents to the scrum included starting prop, 'Otho' who had an injured shoulder while the other starting prop, 'Sweets', was stuck in Hygeia with an illness. Regardless of the shuffling, the Sheep scrum did not look bad, as the game was never really close. Denison came back with a drop goal, preventing a shutout. The final score, 32-3.

This puts the Sheep at 2-0. This weekend they travel to Muskingum for a tri-match with Muskingum and Ohio Wesleyan. Muskingum should put up a fight that should be overcome; however, the Wesleyan squad should prove to be the second major Sheep challenge of the year. The Battling Bishops always give the Sheep a great game; however, the Sheep teams of the past are of no comparison to the present squad which takes the field every week. Victories over both teams will ensure a spot in Ohio's small college playoffs on November 4th.

Beat the Experts Week 4 Analysis

In week 4, the Experts hit rock bottom. Although Peter James, John Finn, and Luke Zannoni all posted 12-8 records while Todd Lewis went 9-11, only one person of the five contestants was unable to beat the Experts. Nick Donatelli picked up the Expert Point by beating all contestants with his 14-6 record and closer score prediction than Mackie Feierstein who also went 14-6. Donatelli now possesses 2 Expert Points to take a one point lead over Mike Malmon-Berg and Todd Urban. Malmon-Berg and Jamie Luce both picked up 13-7 records to be given entries, along with Donatelli and Feierstein, in the sweepstakes drawing. Remember, the contestant with the most Expert Points and one person from among the sweepstakes entries will each be awarded a yet to be determined prize at the end of the season. Finn and Zannoni are still tied with overall records of 56-23 with James just behind at 55-24. Lewis continues to struggle with an overall record of 47-33.

Week 5 entries were available in last week's Voice and are due by tomorrow at 12 noon in the Voice drop box next to the mailroom. Week 6 entries can be found in this issue and are due by October 14 at 12 noon.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Wooster Voice will not be published next week so as to accelerate the arrival of Fall Break for the Voice staff.

The Voice will resume publication on the Friday following Fall Break, 20 October 1995.

Readers should look forward to several improvements in the Voice upon returning, and should, above all, have a happy and safe break.

Todd Graham Lewis

Todd Graham Lewis
Editor in Chief

Beat the Experts

Week 6

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICES

Washington at Stanford
Missouri at Nebraska
Florida at Auburn
Tennessee at Alabama
Ohio State at Wisconsin
Michigan State at Illinois
Oklahoma at Texas
Arizona at UCLA
Kansas St. at Oklahoma St.
Eastern Michigan at Syracuse

Seattle at Buffalo
New England at Kansas City
Philadelphia at New York Giants
Detroit at Green Bay
San Francisco at Indianapolis
Miami at New Orleans
New York Jets at Carolina
Washington at Arizona
Dallas at San Diego
Oakland at Denver

TIEBREAKER: Predict the score of the following game.

Wooster: _____

Case Reserve: _____

NAME: _____

BOX: _____

EXTENSION: _____

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Big Red

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ended when Amstutz came up with a huge interception after Denison had advanced to the Wooster 20 yard line. Defensive play characterized the second half with sacks by Mike Noble '98, Legg and Tim Hallett '96. But Coach Jim Barnes felt the game was within Wooster's grasp and that Denison was more likely to lose it than to win it. On Denison's last drive, Colvin connected with Ben Fortkamp for 37 yards with Amstutz bringing him down. The defense held on the next three plays setting up a 37 yard field goal attempt by Jackson with less than a minute to play. Amstutz once again came up big blocking the field goal while Sly Slaughter '97 recovered the ball. The rest was academic as the Scots downed the ball to seal the victory 10-7.

Defense won the game for the Fighting Scots. Amstutz was named NCAC defensive player of the week after he finished with two interceptions, one fumble recovery, and a blocked field goal, all huge plays to kill Denison scoring chances. Coach Jim Barnes commented, "I would say that we played very good defense this week. We controlled Denison, I don't think we dominated them. In terms of big plays, we were near great...from Scott's interceptions to the caused fumble. In big play areas we were near great, overall we were very good." Slaughter, Legg, Lare, and Lake also all contributed to control the Denison attack.

Offensively the Scots struggled in key areas. Four times the Scots were within the Denison 20 yard line and only came away with three

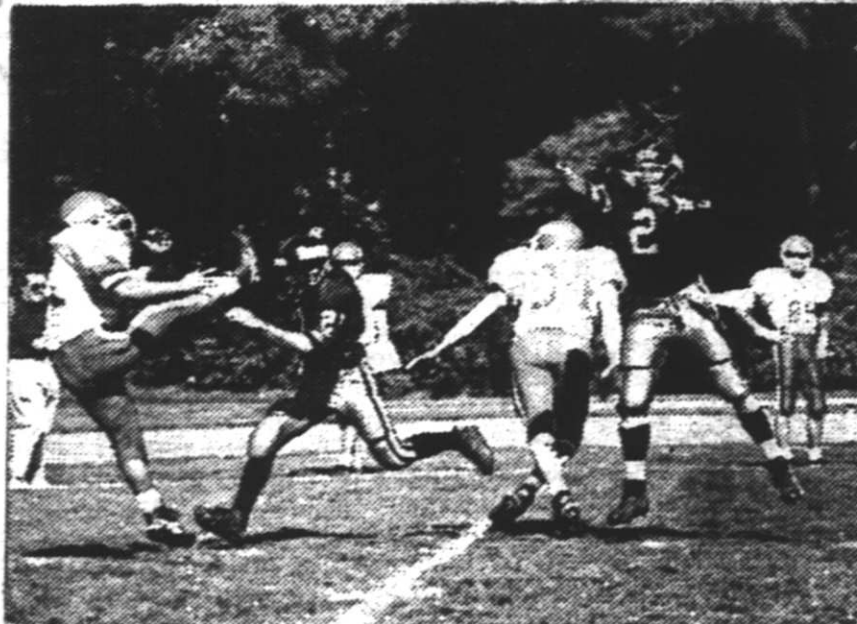


photo by LUCIEN HOLMES
Scott Amstutz '97, NCAC defensive player of the week, tries to block a Denison punt

points. The other three drives ended in a missed field goal, a blocked field goal, and an interception. The failure to score from less than five yards out was of concern to Barnes. "We're trying to come to terms with the realization that it is difficult for us to just power the football over the goal line like some great programs have the advantage of doing. We tried in those situations inside [the five] both times to run the football in and I think we lack the physical strength to do that on a consistent basis. Looking at our goal line package, in retrospect, we feel that it wasn't as sharp as it should have been. I think it is a combination of lack of physical strength to power it in and do the things that come off of that like some play action faking, etc."

Barnes added, "I think it was an upset win for us. Denison has had a program in place they've been running the same attack offensively and defensively for three and a half years

or whatever the case may be. I think on the whole they are a little more mature team...." Barnes focused on challenging Denison to hurt them offensively while relying on the Fighting Scots advantage on special teams. In the end it worked. As part of the celebration the pipers and players simultaneously saluted each other. Added Barnes, "Our coaching staff likes [the pipers playing] a lot and I believe our players like it a lot. We are looking to establish something unique about us here. The pipers certainly are unique. Frankly, I think it pumps up our team. I am going to talk to Nancy Dimer about having pipers with us all the time."

This week the Scots face Wittenberg, who are undefeated this season defeating NCAC powerhouse Allegheny 31-17. The Tigers defeated Wooster last year 66-0 and this year the Scots face another tough challenge. Barnes believes that the Fighting Scots can "realistically, go

in and upset them. There is no doubt that they are ahead of us...I told our players don't get on the bus unless they're going there expecting to win. Is it a huge challenge? Yes, it is. The only way upsets come about is if you believe, you just don't fall into them."

Football Statistics

Wooster-Denison, Stats

Denison	7	0	0	0-7
Wooster	0	7	3	0-10

First Quarter

DEN-Bell 1 run (Magin kick), 0:32

Second Quarter

WOO-Elser 89 run (Marty kick), 5:56

Third Quarter

WOO-FG Marty 33, 7:29

	WOO	DEN
First downs	10	17
Rushes-yards	43/149	37/72
Passing yards	123	245
Return yards	92	51
Comp-Att	12-18-1	18-40-2
Punt	7-36.6	9-33.6
Fumbles-lost	3-3	3-3
Penalties-yards	4-30	3-18
Time of Possession	31:44	28:16

Football

Denison Wooster NCAC Overall

	W	L	T	W	L	T
1) Wittenberg	3	0	0	4	0	0
Ohio Wesleyan	2	0	0	2	2	0
3) Allegheny	2	1	0	3	1	0
Wooster	2	1	0	2	2	0
5) Earlham	1	1	0	2	2	0
Kenyon	1	1	1	1	2	1
7) Denison	0	2	1	0	4	1
8) CWRU	0	2	0	0	4	0
Oberlin	0	3	0	0	4	0

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Men's Soccer

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'98 who had just entered the game. Wooster's final goal game on a fine display of dribbling by Leonard. Catteau served a through ball to Leonard who beat his man and blasted the shot past the Oberlin keeper.

This game was very physical and there was plenty of slipping and sliding. The Oberlin keeper frustrated the Scots and kept the score close with several brilliant saves throughout the game. The Scots persevered and came up with the 3-1 victory.

The Wooster Men's Soccer team ended the week 6-6. The Scots will be on the road once again this week as they travel to Ohio Wesleyan for a crucial conference game on Wednesday, and then they return home to face Tiffin on Saturday. The Scots need continued strong offensive play and need to bind up the defense to win their remaining games.

Women's Soccer

	W	L	T	W	L	T
1) Wittenberg	3	0	0	10	0	0
2) CWRU	2	0	1	6	1	2
3) Denison	2	1	0	8	3	0
4) Kenyon	1	0	1	6	3	2
5) Earlham	1	1	0	7	4	0
Ohio Wesleyan	1	1	0	5	4	1
7) Oberlin	0	2	0	3	7	0
Allegheny	0	2	0	2	9	1
Wooster	0	3	0	3	8	1

Men's Soccer

	W	L	T	W	L	T
1) Ohio Wesleyan	4	0	0	8	1	1
2) Kenyon	2	0	0	9	1	0
3) Denison	1	0	0	6	4	0
Wittenberg	1	1	0	6	4	1
Oberlin	1	1	0	4	4	0
Allegheny	1	1	0	3	7	1
CWRU	1	2	0	3	5	1
8) Earlham	0	3	0	5	5	0
Wooster	0	3	0	4	6	0

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No Blues Here

Women's CC gives runs around the competition

JULIE HECK

The women's cross country team chalked up another successful meet when they traveled to Denison last Saturday. They had no problem handling the team from Capitol, beating them with a perfect score of 15 to 50. Denison, strangely enough, did not field a full team for their home meet.

The team performed well in this low key atmosphere. Only two Denison runners were able to squeeze their way into the top nine spots. Emily Gorka '99 and Julie Heck '97 placed first (21:13) and second (21:14), respectively. After Denison's two, Wooster runners swept places five through nine: Juniors Michelle Poole (21:49), Molly Metz (22:05), Leslie Crossley (22:39), and Megan McCabe (22:53) took fifth through eighth, and sopho-

more Beth Shell (23:02) finished ninth. Rounding out Wooster's pack were Alyssa Morse '97 in 12th, Elizabeth Wiemels '98 in 13th, Virginia Osgood '98 in 16th, Denise Bertsch '99 in 18th, and Meg Panek '97 in 20th.

With junior Ellen Freeman, usually among Wooster's top five, recovering from a minor injury, Crossley stepped forward to fill the fifth spot. She commented, "It was a great race on a hilly, wooded trail, through meadows, and over a wooden bridge—a true cross country course. The team had a lot of fun. We rocked!"

The team's next race is the huge All Ohio Championships at Ohio Wesleyan next Friday. The meet includes 36 teams from across the state. The women, with a record now of 20-1-1, seem ready to meet the challenge.

The Sun'll Come Out Tomorrow

Women's Field Hockey loses, rained out

KUNAL SINGH

The College of Wooster women's field hockey team was beaten 2-0 by Wittenburg on Saturday. Playing away from home, the Scots went down early when Anna Bijleveld put Wittenburg ahead just 9:50 into the first period. The Scots were able to contain the steady onslaught of Wittenburg for the remainder of the period. However, the opposing offense again found a hole in the Scot defense when Amy Kraus scored with just 15:04 left in the game. The Scots were clearly outplayed in this game, having only 11 shots in the entire match to Wittenburg's 25. In fact, the Scots did very well to hold the Tigers to just two goals. The Scots wasted 6 penalty corner opportunities. Their conversion rate this season has been one of the negative aspects. Wittenburg had 7 penalty corners. Susannah Sprong '97

did well for the Scots stopping 9 of 11 behind the net. Her counterpart made all 6 saves for Wittenburg. It was an impressive performance by the Wits who improved their season record to 12-0. Considering that the Scots should feel reasonably satisfied by their performance. Their record stands at 3-4-2 for the season. Last night's game against Oberlin was rained out. The next game for the Lady Scots is tomorrow at Earlham.

Field Hockey

	W	L	T	W	L	T
1) Wittenberg	8	0	0	12	0	0
2) Ohio Wesleyan	6	1	0	7	2	0
3) Denison	5	3	0	5	6	0
4) Wooster	2	3	0	3	4	2
5) Kenyon	2	5	0	5	7	0
6) Oberlin	1	6	0	1	9	0
7) Earlham	0	6	0	1	7	0

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Cross Country

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27:36) followed by Josh Baird '98 (4th, 28:39), Philippe Kozub '97 (5th, 28:42), Tony Kauke '98 (28:50), Allyn Peterson '99 (9th, 29:07), Andrew Dawson '99 (10th, 22:08), Brendan McCabe '99 (13th, 29:28), Karl Robillard '98 (18th, 30:23), Jason Findley '97 (22nd, 30:54), Aaron Veith '99 (27th, 32:49), and Dave Walkenhorst '99 (30th, 33:23).

Coach Rice said "it was great to have Philippe (Kozub) back after not racing for an extended period of time due to injury." Philippe is a strong runner who can help the team accomplish their long term goals, if he stays healthy.

This Scots are off this weekend, but they will be training hard for the next two weeks in order to prepare for their next big race in two weeks at Ohio Wesleyan. The All-Ohio Championship meet will be held on October 13.

Women's Soccer Breaks on through for Victory

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on through to victory against Earlham as they dominated the game throughout both halves and ended the game with a 2-0 score. The experienced senior players took charge and completed the two goals. In the first half, Melia Arnold '96 scored, making this her third goal this season. In the second half, Arnold successfully crossed the ball to Laura Fernbach '96, who completed the goal.

The Lady Scots have demonstrated their potential and determination throughout the first half of this season. Arnold, senior captain for the Lady Scots, recognizes the great talent in the young team and simply hopes to become more consistent as the season progresses. The offensive team holds great promise as Annie Gillespie '98 has succeeded in scoring four goals and assisting four goals. Close behind are Arnold '96 with three goals and three assists, Danielle Baughman '99 with two goals and two assists, Megan Mueller '99 with two goals and one assist, Lisa Kola '98 with two goals and Jillian Matheson '97 with one goal and two assists. On the defensive front, Kelly James '97 has recovered from her injury and rejoined the Lady Scots after a seven game absence. Denise Drescher '97 is continuing her usual exceptional



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Women's soccer returned to their winning ways against Kenyon

performance in goal with 68 saves, 3.5 shutouts and a .65 goal-against average.

The Lady Scots' victory against Earlham should create a positive point from which the team can build as they face Oberlin tomorrow. Although the Lady Scots defeated Oberlin last year, they have improved throughout the season and

should be a competitive opponent. The following opponent is St. Mary's, a nationally ranked team, promising to be a particularly challenging test for the Scots. This coming weekend, the team embarks on a full slate, contending Oberlin on Saturday, October 7 (1:00), and St. Mary's on Sunday, October 7 (12:00).

Playing in the Fields, Singing in the Rain

Men's soccer plays tough in rough weather and scores

JOE ALLEN

The men's soccer team awoke from a deep offensive slumber this past week scoring a total of 8 goals in three games nearly matching their season's previous goal production of 6. In a surprising roster change, Wooster head coach Graham Ford moved John Retzliff '96 out of the goal and played him in the field to increase the team's offensive strength and it seems to have worked. This increased scoring production produced 2 wins. On Saturday, the Scots traveled to NCAC rival Wittenberg and lost a 3-2 overtime decision. The Scots bounced back on Tuesday when they travelled to Marietta and came home with a 3-2 victory. The men returned home to Carl Dale Field on Thursday where they played Oberlin and won 3-1 in a mudfest.

In Saturday's game at Wittenberg, the Scots dominated another game with strong midfield play from Ben Falcone '96, Neal Hogan '99, and Eric Zaugg '96, but did not win. After controlling all aspects of the game, Wooster allowed Wittenberg to tie the score with 2:44 remaining in the game and allowed the winning goal with nine seconds left in the first overtime period. In the end, the defense just could not hold back the Wittenberg attack.

The Wooster offense opened the game's scoring in the opening ten minutes of the first half. On a corner kick taken by Colin O'zanne '96, defender Damon Rossi '96 beat his man and headed the ball past the keeper into the low post. The Scots kept the 1-0 lead for the rest of the half with tenacious defense.

Wittenberg's Jeff McDonald scored on a ball from Mats Lagedahl with 27:33 left to play in the second period to open the second half scoring and tie the game 1-1. Bob Leonard '96 broke the tie three minutes later. On a through ball from defender Adam Cornett '98, Leonard broke free and scored the breakaway goal to put the Scots up 2-1.

Unfortunately, Wooster's defense could not contain Wittenberg's Damon Smith who scored the tying and winning goals of the game. Smith scored his first goal of the game with 2:44 remaining in the second half to tie the score 2-2. Smith scored the game-winning goal with nice seconds left in the first overtime period after a controversial non-call. On a Wooster clearing pass, Smith played the ball with his hand and proceeded to shoot the ball past Wooster keeper Paul Elliot '97.

The Scots could not score again and posted the 3-2 loss to Wittenberg to drop 2 games below .500 for the

season. However, Wooster roared back Tuesday to post a 3-2 win in the rain and the mud of Marietta.

This victory was a great game by Wooster despite the physicality of Marietta. The Scots played well producing many opportunities to score and they did manage to score three goals, a season high for one game. These opportunities were created by a very tenacious team effort, especially by John Retzliff '96. Retzliff played with great intensity and forced the Marietta players to commit errors which Wooster transformed into scoring opportunities.

Retzliff opened the scoring 6:26 into the first half. On a through ball from Erik Zaugg '96, Kaminkas, the Marietta keeper, came out to play the ball. Retzliff and Kaminkas collided, but not before Retzliff flicked the ball past him to put Wooster ahead 1-0.

Marietta scored three minutes later on an unassisted goal by Roy Munk, but then both teams did not score until the 39:42 mark when Zaugg scored a beautiful goal. Brad Pierce '99 crossed the ball and Zaugg volleyed the ball out of the air and put the ball in the upper corner of the net to break the tie and put Wooster up 2-1 going into halftime.

Wooster increased its lead imme-

EYE OF THE TIGER

Men's CC Climbs the Steps to Victory

DAVE WALKENHORST

Last Saturday's meet at Denison was probably the best team performance yet this year for the men's Cross Country team. The Scots took first place in the meet defeating Denison, Capital, and Kenyon, while scoring a mere 26 points. Because the Denison and Wooster Cross Country meet is traditionally such a big rivalry, Coach Rice thought "the meet was a very important win for us, and it boosted our confidence coming into the All-Ohio Championships, and later, the NCAC Conference Championships." "It was one of the better team races we've had in a long time. What we need to do now is to carry the enthusiasm we had in the Denison meet over into the next couple of weeks, so that we can have a great finish to our season."

In Saturday's 8000 meter (5 mile) race, Willie Drexler '97 finished first for the Scots (2nd place overall,

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This Week's Scores

Football (2-2, NCAC: 2-1)

Wooster 10, Denison 7

Men's Soccer (6-6, NCAC: 1-3)

Wittenberg 3, Wooster 2 (OT)
Wooster 3, Marietta 2
Wooster 3, Oberlin 1

Women's Soccer (7-4-1, NCAC: 1-3)

Kenyon 1, Wooster 0
Wooster 2, Earlham 0

Volleyball (12-13, NCAC: 0-0)

Wooster def Malone 5-3
Wooster def Hiram 3-1

Field Hockey (3-4-2, NCAC: 2-3)

Wittenberg 2, Wooster 0
Oberlin at Wooster ppd. rain

Cross Country

At Denison:
Men: First out of four
Women: First out of three

Men's Blacksheep RFC (2-0)

Blacksheep 32, Denison 3

Women's Blacksheep RFC (0-2)

John Carroll 26, Blacksheep 0

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Volleyball	NCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Allegheny	0	0	24	7
Denison	0	0	15	9
Wittenberg	0	0	15	9
Wooster	0	0	10	13
Kenyon	0	0	9	12
Earlham	0	0	6	10
CWRU	0	0	7	13
Ohio Wesleyan	0	0	4	12
Oberlin	0	0	2	16

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Friday, October 6, 1995

Win a Little Longer with Big Red

Scott Amstutz blocks potential game tying field goal to seal victory 10-7

LUKE ZANNONI

The Fighting Scots chewed up and spit out the Big Red of Denison, 10-7, during homecoming last weekend. An eighty-nine yard touchdown run by Jeff Elser '99 gave the Scots their only touchdown with Brent Marty '96 adding a field goal. But the real story of the ball game was strong defensive play by the Scots led by Scott Amstutz '97. Amstutz blocked a field goal by Denison with less than a minute to go to preserve the 10-7 win. Wooster started off strongly in the first half causing Denison to punt after three plays. Wooster quickly capitalized on the good field position and marched the ball to the Denison 12 yard line. A sack on third down required the field goal unit to try for the score, but Marty's field goal was wide to the left. Denison failed to move the ball until their third possession when Jeremy Colvin connected with Tony Antolini for 32 yards to put the ball on the Wooster 32. Two plays later,

Amstutz picked up a fumble rambling 22 yards before fumbling himself. On the next Denison drive, Amstutz redeemed himself picking off Colvin in the endzone. Wooster could not muster a decent drive and the resulting punt gave Denison decent field position on the Wooster 42. Two plays later Denison scored as Jason Bell rushed for the touchdown and Terry Magin added the extra point to give Denison a 7-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Wooster mounted a tremendous drive starting at their own 41. Using a combination of pass and rush, Wooster made it to the Denison 6 yard line where they had a first and goal. Unfortunately, Wooster could not score, rushing the ball three times before Judd was stripped on fourth down. Denison ran nine plays to move the ball to their own 49 when Bjorn Lake '97 brought down Bell behind the line of scrimmage to force a Denison punt. Wooster then found themselves on their own 11 yard line. On their first play, Elser broke

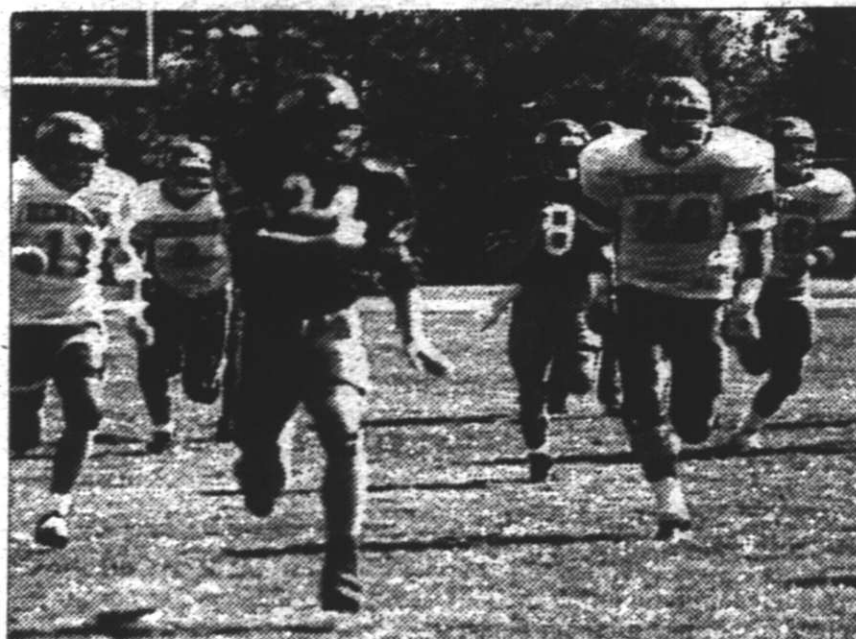


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Jeff Elser '99 on his way to an 89 yd. touchdown run

through the middle of the defense and went 89 yards for the touchdown. Marty came out to add the extra point to tie the game 7-7 with about six minutes to go. The rest of the first half saw Denison march to the Wooster 39, but a huge sack by

Jason Legg '98 and a thunderous tackle by Greg Lare '97 quickly killed the drive.

In the second half, the Fighting Scots and the Big Red tightened up the

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Women's Soccer Prevails

ERICA FRIEDMAN

The Lady Scots' soccer team put last week's disappointments against Denison and Kenyon behind them when they defeated Earlham 2-0, on Wednesday. The victory gives the Lady Scots their first NCAC win this season bringing their conference record to 1-3 and their overall record to 7-4-1.

The team has endured an unusual number of overtimes in the last few weeks. September 28's game against Denison ended with no score, leading to an overtime, during which the opponent scored three times. Last Saturday, the team was forced into overtime against Kenyon, despite the fact that the Lady Scots dominated the majority of the first and second halves. The Lady Scots had many opportunities and attempts on goal, but none were successful. Kenyon managed to score in the first five minutes of the overtime, solidifying their close victory 1-0.

Wednesday, the Lady Scots broke

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photo by KARRIE KARPINSKI
Carrie Zuro '97 bumps the ball as Jenny Schroeder '99 looks on

WE WILL ROCK YOU

Women's volleyball queen of the court

JAMES KOLLER

As the NCAC regular season looms, the Lady Scot volleyball team's play is picking up. Individual talent is giving way to team goals. Reasons for this include strong leadership by first year coach Carrie Weygandt and a greater focus by the players. As senior co-captain Sarah Robertson put it, "We're getting better and better every game." This renewed commitment to winning was evident this past week. Wooster played three five-game matches, winning two of them and was nearly victorious after rallying from a two game deficit in the third. This sort of determination will be needed this week as the team travels to Wittenberg and Kenyon, and plays Oberlin at Wittenberg.

Last weekend, Wooster played host to Otterbein and Baldwin-Wallace. Otterbein opened quickly, winning the first two games while giving up a mere seven combined

points. But the Scots roared back, taking the third and fourth games, only to fall in the fifth game. The final was Otterbein 15-2, 15-5, 11-15, 3-15 and 15-12. The second match was a reversal from the Otterbein match. Wooster won the first two games, only to have Baldwin-Wallace rally to force a decisive fifth game. In the end, Paige Stanton's season high 19 kills was too much for Baldwin-Wallace to overcome, as Wooster held on for a 15-5, 15-6, 3-15, 8-15, and 15-5 win. On Tuesday, Malone ran into the same fate as Wooster rallied twice from a game down to record a five game victory. The game was a see-saw battle with the Lady Scots dropping the first game 12-15. In the second game the team flew to a quick lead and won 15-8. The next two matches saw a repeat as the Scots dropped one and won one. In the decisive last game, the Lady Scots fended off several match points

by Malone to rally for a 16-14 win much to the delight of the fans. Robertson was key as she hustled to a team high 32 digs. On Thursday the Scots played at Hiram.

Next up for the Lady Scots volleyball team is a grueling week without a home game. They will play three more road games before finally returning home on October 14. Wittenberg marks the opening of conference play in the NCAC on Saturday, as Wooster will be playing both conference rivals Wittenberg and Oberlin. Wooster will travel to Kenyon next Tuesday. The Lady Scots have already played Oberlin and Wooster in non-conference tournaments, winning both matches.

Last season, Wooster finished third in the regular season, and this year the race is wide open. Co-captain Robertson said their goals for this season are not as modest as third. The Lady Scots will settle for nothing less than the conference title.

THE UPCOMING WEEK IN SPORTS:

football:
tomorrow-Wittenberg (A) 1:30 p.m.

men's soccer:
Oct. 11-Ohio Wesleyan (A) 7:30 p.m.

field hockey:
tomorrow-Earlham (A) 1 p.m.

women's soccer:
tomorrow-Oberlin (A) 1 p.m.
Oct. 8-Earlham (A) 12 p.m.

volleyball:
tomorrow-Wittenberg (A) 12 p.m.
tomorrow-Oberlin (A) 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 10-Kenyon (A)

men's and women's blacksheep rfc:
tomorrow-Maskingum (A)
tomorrow-Ohio Wesleyan (A)